

THE WONDER OF GOD PART XI
“THE GREATEST WONDER”
LUKE 10:17-20; 22:43-44
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INTRODUCTION

- The focus of the Book of Luke is salvation, the supernatural and the Holy Spirit.
- Luke is inviting us to learn, but also reflect on how we can be more like Jesus by living in and experiencing the Wonder of God.

I. LIGHT & DARK: THE PROBLEM WITH FEAR

- John 1:1-5, “...⁴ The Word gave life to everything that was created, and His life brought light to everyone.
⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.”

II. THE FINAL ENCOUNTER

- Matthew 26:36-54, ³⁸ He told them, “My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death...“My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from Me. Yet I want Your will to be done, not Mine.”
- Luke 22:42-43, “...⁴⁴ He prayed more fervently, and He was in such agony of spirit that His sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood.
- Agony = *agonia*: struggle for victory; of severe mental struggles and emotions; anguish
- Fervently = *ektenos*: to stretch out; struggle
- Luke 11:20-22, “...²¹ For when a strong man is fully armed...his possessions are safe—²² until someone even stronger attacks and overpowers him...”
- Jesus is making His final stand against darkness.

III. PURPOSE AND POWER IN THE CROSS

- Colossians 1:19-20, “...through Him God reconciled everything to Himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ’s blood on the cross.”
- Healing the breach between God and people.
- It was on the cross that Jesus’ surrender overcame the power of sin, guilt, and shame.
- I Corinthians 1:18, “The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction!...”
- The foolishness: It’s in our Savior’s death that we find healing, freedom, redemption, new life, and relationship with God.

IV. THE GREATEST WONDER

- Luke 10:17-20, “...¹⁹ Look, I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy, and you can walk among snakes and scorpions and crush them. Nothing will injure you...”
- The Greatest Wonder was more than just power over darkness. It was power and authority over all sin, all death, for all time, and for all people.
- I Corinthians 15:24-26, “...God has put all things under His authority.”
- The greatest wonder, was Sunday - The Resurrection.

V. CLOSE

- 1 Peter 3:18, Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but He died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but He was *raised to life in the Spirit*.”
- John 1:4-5, “...⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.”