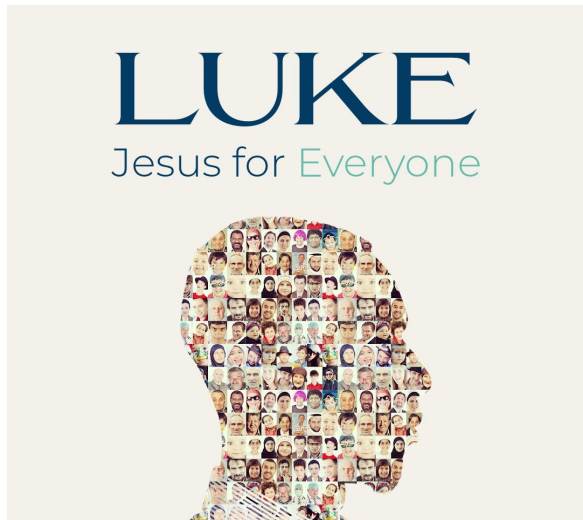


# LUKE: JESUS FOR EVERYONE

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## Luke 6:17-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

‘Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

‘Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

‘Blessed are you when people hate you,  
and when they exclude you, revile you,  
and defame you\* on account of the Son

of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

‘But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

‘Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

‘Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

‘Woe to you when all speak well of you,  
for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

## REFLECT & DISCUSS

1. Read the passage slowly. Then take a deep breath and read it again. What word, phrase or image stands out to you?
2. Jesus stood “on a level place.” This is not an insignificant detail. What do you think it means that Jesus and everyone listening to him are all on the *same* level?
3. Have you heard these “blessings” before? Read Matthew 5:1-12. What do you notice that is different?
4. Which blessings resonate with you, and why? Do any challenge or disturb you? Why or why not.
5. Jesus begins by blessing people. What might it mean for us as Christ’s church to “lead with blessing”? Who might need that blessing most?

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