

To Seek and Save the Lost

Gospel of Luke

1:5—2:52	Birth Narratives	
1:7 <i>unique to Luke</i>	⁵ In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah ... And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth ... ⁷ But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years.	Woman (barren)
1:27	²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent ... ²⁷ to a virgin ... name was Mary ... ³⁸ And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.”	Woman (humble)
1:46-53	⁴⁶ And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant ... ⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; ⁵² he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; ⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.	Proud / Humble
2:7	And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.	Poor
2:8	⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them ... ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.”	Poor
2:24	²² And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem ... ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.”	Poor
2:32	²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and ... ²⁸ he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said ... “my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹ that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”	Gentiles
2:34	And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel”	Proud / Humble
2:36	³⁶ And there was a prophetess, Anna ... She was advanced in years ... ³⁷ and then as a widow ... ³⁸ And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem,	Woman (widow)

2:43	⁴¹ Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³ And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it	Children
3:1—4:13 Ministry Preparations		
3:12	the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ And he went ... proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins ... ¹² Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” ¹³ And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.”	Sinners (tax collector)
4:14—9:50 Galilean Ministry		
4:18	¹⁶ And he came to Nazareth ... He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, ¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”	Poor Oppressed
4:25-27	²⁴ And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵ But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah ... ²⁶ and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷ And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.”	Gentiles (Woman)
4:38 <i>in synoptics</i>	Now Simon’s mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. ³⁹ And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them.	Woman
5:3, 8	³ Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, he asked him to put out a little from the land ... ⁶ And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking ... ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.”	Sinner (Poor)
5:12	¹² While he was in one of the cities, there came a man full of leprosy. And when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged him, “Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.” ¹³ And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, “I will; be clean.”	Sinner (unclean)
5:27	²⁷ After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, “Follow me.” ²⁸ And leaving everything, he rose and followed him. ²⁹ And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them. ³⁰ And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with tax	Sinner (tax collector)

	collectors and sinners?” ³¹ And Jesus answered them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ³² I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”	
6:17	¹⁷ And 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 and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon , ¹⁸ who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases.	Gentiles
6:20	²⁰ And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: “Blessed are you who are poor , for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.”	Poor
7:2	² Now a centurion had a servant who was sick ... heard about Jesus, he sent to him elders of the Jews, asking him to come and heal his servant ... ⁹ When Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, said, “I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.”	Gentiles
7:12	¹¹ Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain ... ¹² As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother , and she was a widow ... ¹³ And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep” ... And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.”	Woman (Gentile?)
7:22	And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them.”	Poor
7:29, 34	²⁹ (When all the people heard this, and the tax collectors too, they declared God just, having been baptized with the baptism of John, ³⁰ but the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected the purpose of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him) ... ³¹ “To what then shall I compare the people of this generation ... ³³ For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, ‘He has a demon.’ ³⁴ The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners! ’”	Sinner (tax collector)
7:37	³⁷ And behold, a woman of the city , who was a sinner ... brought an alabaster flask of ointment, ³⁸ and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears ... ³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner.” ⁴⁰ And Jesus answering said to him ... ⁴⁷ “Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.”	Woman (sinner)
8:2	And the twelve were with him, ² and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary , called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, ³ and Joanna , the wife of Chuza, Herod’s household manager, and Susanna , and many others, who provided for them out of their means .	Women

8:42, 54	⁴¹ And there came a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue. And falling at Jesus' feet, he implored him to come to his house, ⁴² for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying ... ⁵⁴ But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise."	Child
8:43	⁴³ And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years ... ⁴⁸ And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."	Woman (unclean)
9:3	¹ And he called the twelve together ... ² and he sent them out ... ³ And he said to them, "Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not have two tunics."	Poor
9:25	²³ And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. ²⁵ For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?"	Rich
9:39	³⁸ And behold, a man from the crowd cried out, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. ³⁹ And behold, a spirit seizes him ... ⁴⁰ And I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not."	Child
9:47	⁴⁶ An argument arose among them as to which of them was the greatest. ⁴⁷ But Jesus, knowing the reasoning of their hearts, took a child and put him by his side ⁴⁸ and said to them, "Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. For he who is least among you all is the one who is great."	Child (proud)
9:51—19:27 Travel Narrative		
10:13	"Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes."	Gentiles
10:21	In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children"	Children (proud)
10:33	³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers ... ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road ... ³² So likewise a Levite ... ³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bound up his wounds ... ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor?"	Samaritan (Proud)
10:38	³⁸ Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with much serving.	Women

11:11	¹¹ “What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹² or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”	Children
11:30-32	³¹ The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here. ³² The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.	Gentiles
12:15	¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me” ... ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” ¹⁶ And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷ and he thought to himself ... ‘I will tear down my barns and build larger one’”	Rich
12:33	³³ Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old ... ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.	Poor
13:11	¹¹ And behold, there was a woman who had had a disabling spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said to her, “Woman, you are freed from your disability.”	Woman
13:21	²⁰ And again he said, “To what shall I compare the kingdom of God? ²¹ It is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, until it was all leavened.”	Woman
13:29	²⁹ “And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰ And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”	Gentiles
14:7-11	⁸ “When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor ... ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place ... ¹¹ For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”	Proud / Humble
14:12-14	¹² He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner ... do not invite ... rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³ But ... invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection”	Rich / Poor

15:1-2, 7, 32	¹ Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them” ... ⁷ “Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance ... ³² ‘It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”	Sinners (tax collector)
16:19-21	¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table ... ²² The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³ and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side ... ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish.’”	Rich / Poor
17:2	It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin.	Children
17:7	⁹ “Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’ ”	Poor
17:16	¹² And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers ... ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?”	Samaritan
18:3	² He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³ And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ ⁴ For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself ... ⁵ ‘yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice’”	Woman (widow)
18:10	⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰ “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”	Sinner (tax collector)

18:15	¹⁵ Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. ¹⁶ But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁷ Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”	Children
18:22	²² When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” ²³ But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich. ²⁴ Jesus, seeing that he had become sad, said, “How difficult it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!”	Rich
19:2, 10	² And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ And he was seeking to see who Jesus was ... ⁵ And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” ... ⁷ And when they saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” ⁸ And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor” ... ⁹ And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”	Sinner (tax collector)
19:28—24:53 Passion Week		
20:47—21:4	⁴⁶ “Beware of the scribes ... ⁴⁷ who devour widows’ houses ... They will receive the greater condemnation.” ¹ Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, ² and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. ³ And he said, “Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. ⁴ For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had”	Woman (poor)
22:24	²⁴ A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵ And he said to them ... “let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves.”	Proud / Humble
23:27	²⁶ And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷ And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸ But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves ... ²⁹ For behold, the days are coming when they will say ... to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’”	Women
23:40	³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³ And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”	Sinner

23:47	⁴⁶ Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” And having said this he breathed his last. ⁴⁷ Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, “Certainly this man was innocent!”	<i>Gentile</i>
23:55	⁵⁵ The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. ⁵⁶ Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments.	<i>Women</i>
24:18	¹³ That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus ... ¹⁸ Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”	<i>Hellenist?</i>
24:47	⁴⁴ Then he said to them ... “everything written about me in the Law ... must be fulfilled ... Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.”	<i>Gentiles</i>