

# Prescription for Life The Gospel of Luke

Lamplighters Women's Bible Study September 24, 2014



#### THE "OUT OF THE BOAT" MESSIAH

Luke 1:57-80



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### 1. Prescription for Life

2. Thinking (and getting) outside the boat

If You Want to Walk on Water, You Have to Get Out of the Boat—J. Ortberg

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Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o'er the plains And the mountains in reply Echo back their joyous strains.

Glooooo-ooooo ria In excelsis Deo! Glooooo-ooooo ria In excelsis Deo! Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say, what may the tidings be
Which in spire your heavenly song?

Glooooo-ooooo ria In excelsis Deo! Glooooo-ooooo ria In excelsis Deo! Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing.
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Glooooo-ooooo ria In excelsis Deo! Glooooo-ooooo ria In excelsis Deo!



#### THE "OUT OF THE BOAT" MESSIAH

Luke 1:57-2:20

The Birth of John Luke 1:57-80

The Birth of Jesus Luke 2:1-7

The Baby Announcement Luke 2:8-20



### The Birth of John Luke 1:57-80

- Mom named the baby.
- 2. Dad agreed.
- Zechariah began to praise God.
- 4. Joy, anticipation, praise, expectation



### The Birth of Jesus Luke 2:1-7

- 1. Bethlehem
- 2. "No room at the inn."
- 3. A manger
- 4. Scandal, judgment, rejection



### The Baby Announcement Luke 2:8-20

- 1. Shepherds
- 2. One angel...then myriads of angels
- 3. The manger
- 4. Good news, great joy, all the people...

A Savior—Christ, the Lord!!!



- 1. Believed
- 2. Went and saw
- 3. Went and told



What "medicines" do you have in your arsenal for what "ails" you?

What "medicines" does Luke reveal in the text today?

praise

wilderness experiences

obedience

believe, go and see, go and tell ponder



"In the spiritual life, there are no tricks and no short-cuts." --Thomas Merton

"Without solitude it is virtually impossible to live a spiritual life. Solitude begins with a time and a place for God, and Him alone." --Henri Nouwen



"Solitude is one of the deepest disciplines of the spiritual life because it crucifies our need for importance and prominence. Everyone, including ourselves at first, will see our solitude as a waste of time. We are removed from 'where the action is.' That, of course, is exactly what we need. In time, we come to see that the really important action occurs in solitude."

--Richard Foster



#### Points to Ponder

- How the Lord prepared the way for Christ in your heart and the person or persons He used.
- 2. The wilderness the Lord has used (or is using) to grow you spiritually.
- 3. The song you are singing these days.
- 4. How you are getting "outside the boat" for your Savior.
- 5. Whatever is in your life that isn't the way want it.

## *Immanuel*God with us!

