LUKE 4:18-21



THE PASSION AND COMPASSION OF CHRIST

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Introduction



Luke 4:18-21 (NIV)

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free,
19 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”



Luke 4:18-21 (NIV)

20 Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. 21 He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

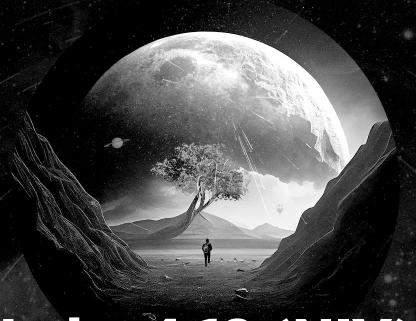


Road Map

1) The Calling of Jesus' Ministry
2) The Compassion of Christ and Passion for the Lost
3) The Commission to do Likewise



1) The Calling of Jesus' Ministry



Luke 4:18 (NIV)

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because He has anointed me…”



1) The Calling of Jesus' Ministry

- Firstly Jesus was declaring that He was anointed by the Holy Spirit for the purpose of ministering to the poor, prisoners and oppressed.



1) The Calling of Jesus' Ministry

- Secondly, while Jesus indeed ministered to the physically blind, oppressed and materially poor, He also ministered to them spiritually.



1) The Calling of Jesus' Ministry

a) Ministering to the Poor and Oppressed – Woman with the Blood Issue



Mark 5:25-34 (NIV)

And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. 26 She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse.



Mark 5:25-34 (NIV)

27 When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, 28 because she thought, “If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.”



Mark 5:25-34 (NIV)

29 Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering. 30 At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from Him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who touched my clothes?”



Mark 5:25-34 (NIV)

31 “You see the people crowding against you,”
His disciples answered, “and yet you can
ask, ‘Who touched me?’ 32 But Jesus kept
looking around to see who had done it.



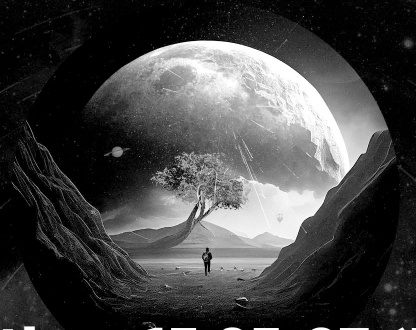
Mark 5:25-34 (NIV)

33 Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth.



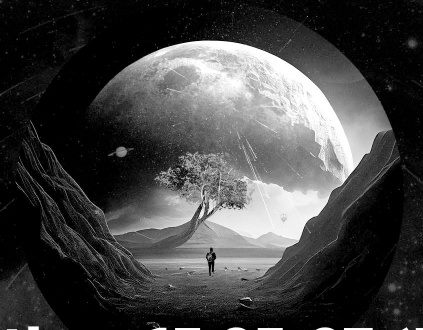
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34 He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.”



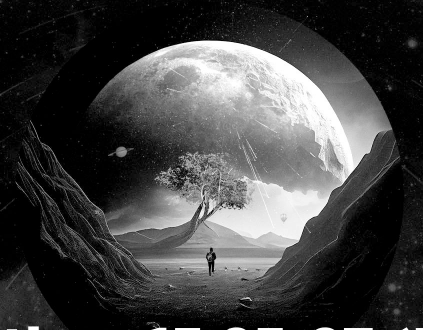
Leviticus 15:25-27 (NIV)

“When a woman has a discharge of blood for many days at a time other than her monthly period or has a discharge that continues beyond her period, she will be unclean as long as she has the discharge, just as in the days of her period.



Leviticus 15:25-27 (NIV)

26 Any bed she lies on while her discharge continues will be unclean, as is her bed during her monthly period, and anything she sits on will be unclean, as during her period.



Leviticus 15:25-27 (NIV)

[27] Anyone who touches them will be unclean; they must wash their clothes and bathe with water, and they will be unclean till evening.



1) The Calling of Jesus' Ministry

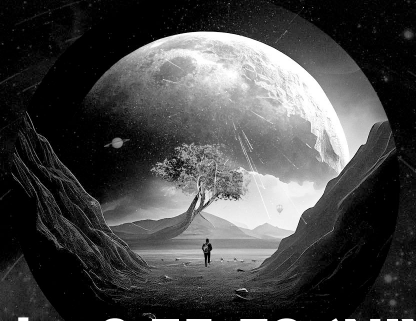
a) Ministering to the Poor and Oppressed – Woman with the Blood Issue

- Jesus had compassion for the poor, oppressed and marginalised and He demonstrated that in His ministry.



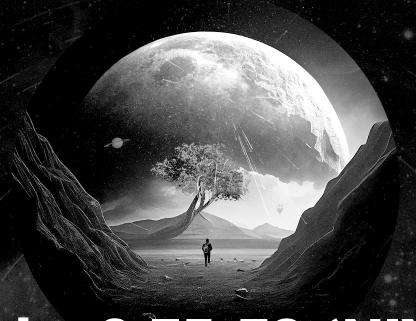
1) The Calling of Jesus' Ministry

b) Ministering to the Blind – Healing of the Blind Man



John 9:35-38 (NIV)

Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when He found him, He said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” 36 “Who is he, sir?” the man asked. “Tell me so that I may believe in Him.”



John 9:35-38 (NIV)

37 Jesus said, “You have now seen Him; in fact,
He is the one speaking with you.” 38 Then
the man said, “Lord, I believe,” and
he worshiped Him.



1) The Calling of Jesus' Ministry

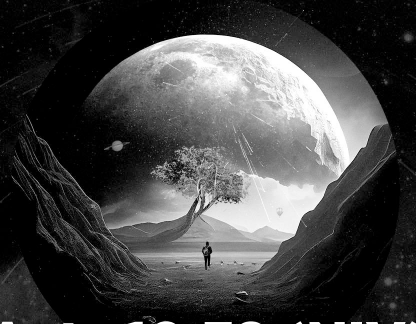
b) Ministering to the Blind – Healing of the Blind Man

- **Jesus had compassion on the blind, and those still lost to eternal darkness.**



1) The Calling of Jesus' Ministry

c) Ministering to those Oppressed by the devil – Restoration of the demon-possessed man



Acts 10:38 (NIV)

“God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how He went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with Him.”



Mark 5:18-20 (NIV)

“As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with Him.



Mark 5:18-20 (NIV)

19 Jesus did not let him, but said, “Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how He has had mercy on you.”



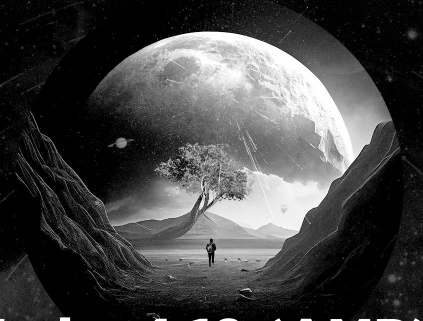
Mark 5:18-20 (NIV)

20 So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.



1) The Calling of Jesus' Ministry

d) Caring for the Lost



Luke 4:19 (AMP)

to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord [the day when salvation and the favor of God abound greatly].”



1) The Calling of Jesus' Ministry

d) Caring for the Lost

- Jesus cares the lost and He declared that He came for the lost.
- we are reminded today that when we ask God for the Holy Spirit, we must be prepared for the mission that comes with it



2) The Compassion of Christ and Passion for the Lost

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a) Passion for the Lost



Luke 15:1-7 (NIV)

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. 2 But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”



Luke 15:1-7 (NIV)

3 Then Jesus told them this parable:
4 “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?



Luke 15:1-7 (NIV)

5 And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on
his shoulders 6 and goes home. Then he calls
his friends and neighbors together and says,
‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’

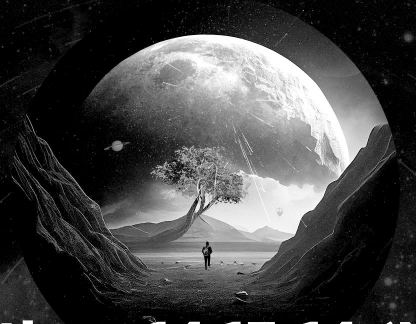


Luke 15:1-7 (NIV)

7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

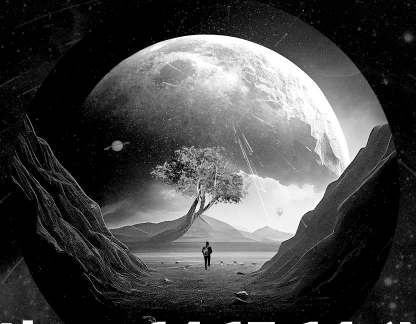
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b) Compassion of Christ



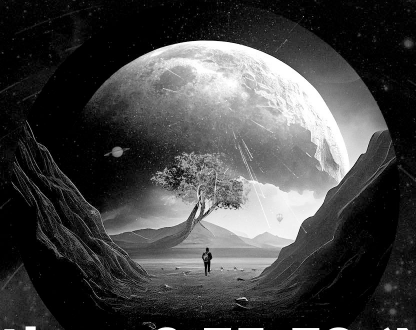
Matthew 14:13-14 (NIV)

When Jesus heard what had happened, He withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed Him on foot from the towns.



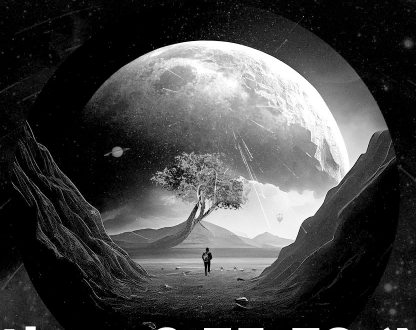
Matthew 14:13-14 (NIV)

14 When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd,
He had compassion on them and healed
their sick.



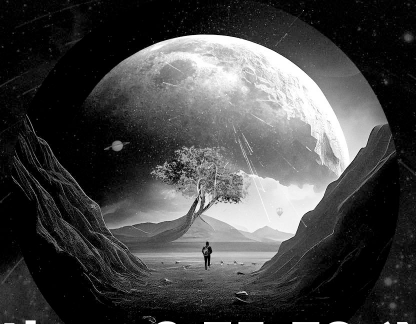
Matthew 9:35-38 (NIV)

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.



Matthew 9:35-38 (NIV)

[36] When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

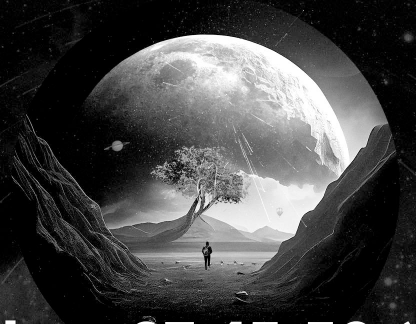


Matthew 9:35-38 (NIV)

37 Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.”

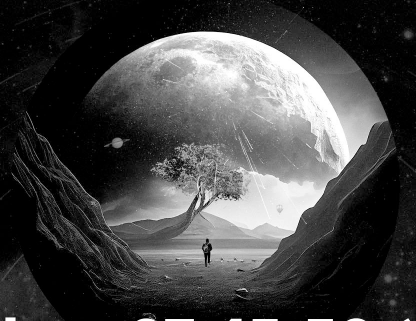
2) The Compassion of Christ and Passion for the Lost

c) Jesus' Ultimate Demonstration of Compassion and Passion



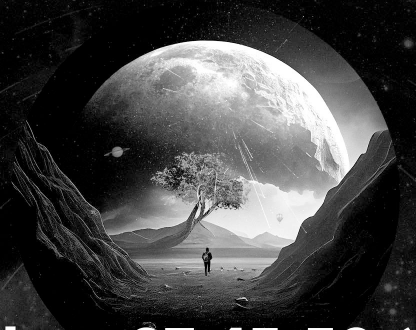
Matthew 27:45-50 (NIV)

From noon until three in the afternoon
darkness came over all the land. 46 About
three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a
loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?”
(which means “My God, my God, why have
you forsaken me?”).



Matthew 27:45-50 (NIV)

47 When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “He’s calling Elijah.”
48 Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink.

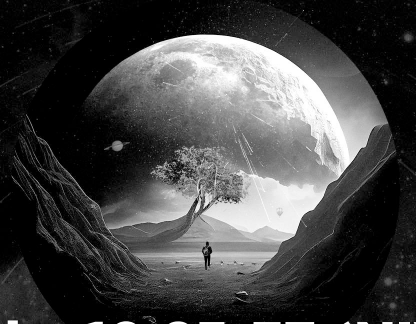


Matthew 27:45-50 (NIV)

49 The rest said, “Now leave Him alone. Let’s
see if Elijah comes to save Him.” 50 And when
Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice,
He gave up His spirit.

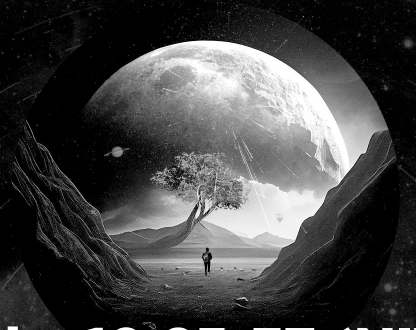


3) The Commission to Do Likewise



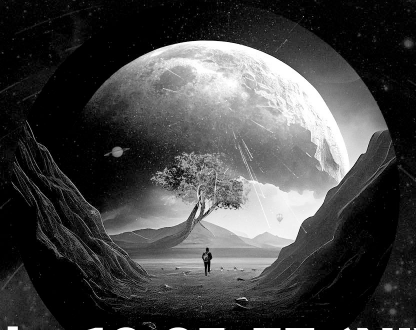
Luke 10:25-37 (NIV)

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up
to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what
must I do to inherit eternal life?”
26 “What is written in the Law?” he replied.
“How do you read it?”



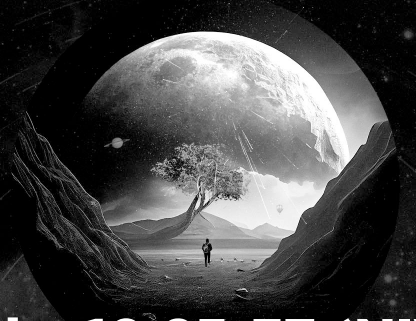
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27 He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”



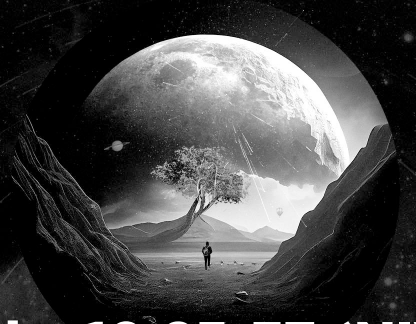
Luke 10:25-37 (NIV)

28 “You have answered correctly,” Jesus
replied. “Do this and you will live.” 29 But he
wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus,
“And who is my neighbor?”



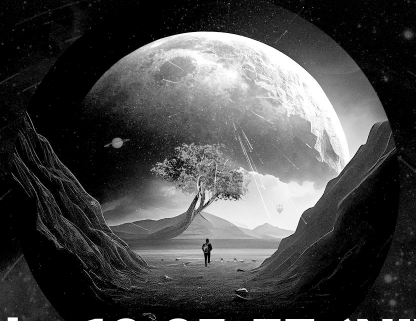
Luke 10:25-37 (NIV)

30 In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead.



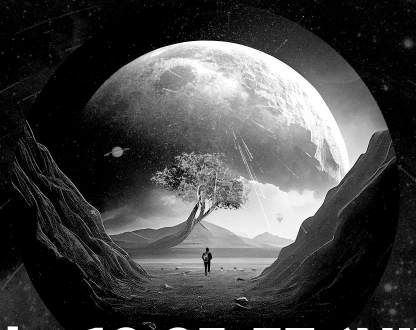
Luke 10:25-37 (NIV)

31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.



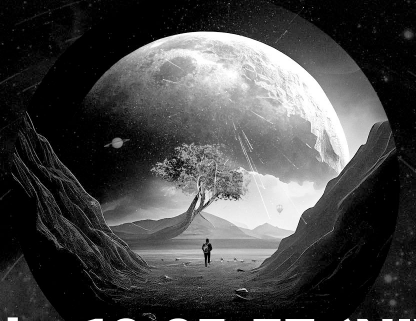
Luke 10:25-37 (NIV)

33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him.



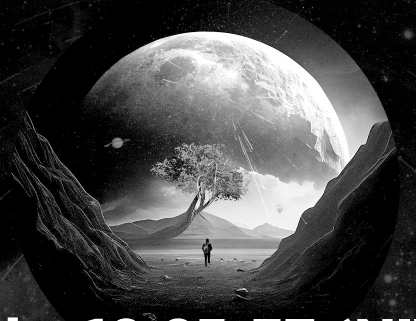
Luke 10:25-37 (NIV)

34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him.



Luke 10:25-37 (NIV)

35 The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’



Luke 10:25-37 (NIV)

36 “Which of these three do you think was a
neighbor to the man who fell into the hands
of robbers?” 37 The expert in the law replied,
“The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told
him, “Go and do likewise.”



3) The Commission to Do Likewise

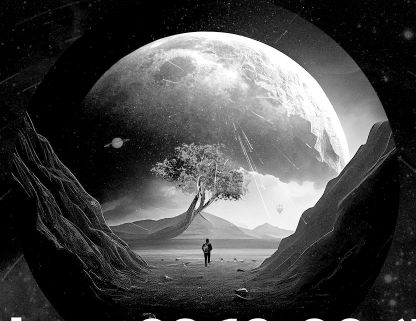
a) Go Do Likewise

- Luke 10:37 Jesus told him, "*Go and do likewise*."



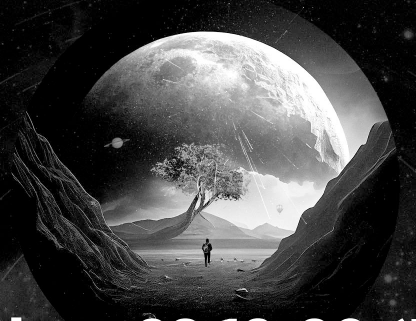
3) The Commission to Do Likewise

b) The Great Commission



Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,



Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”



Conclusion