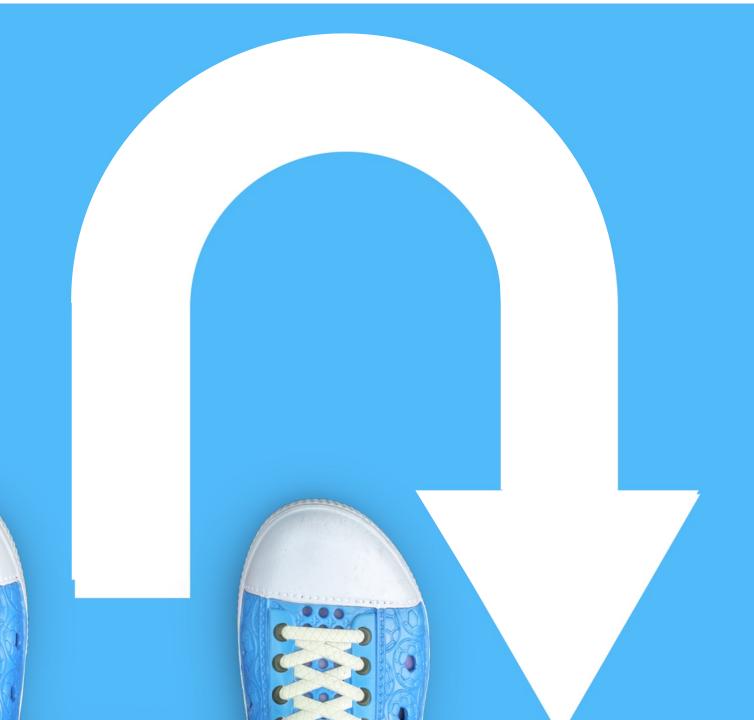


A theme of Luke:
God is reversing
the world!





A great reversal is occurring in the world at the hands of God



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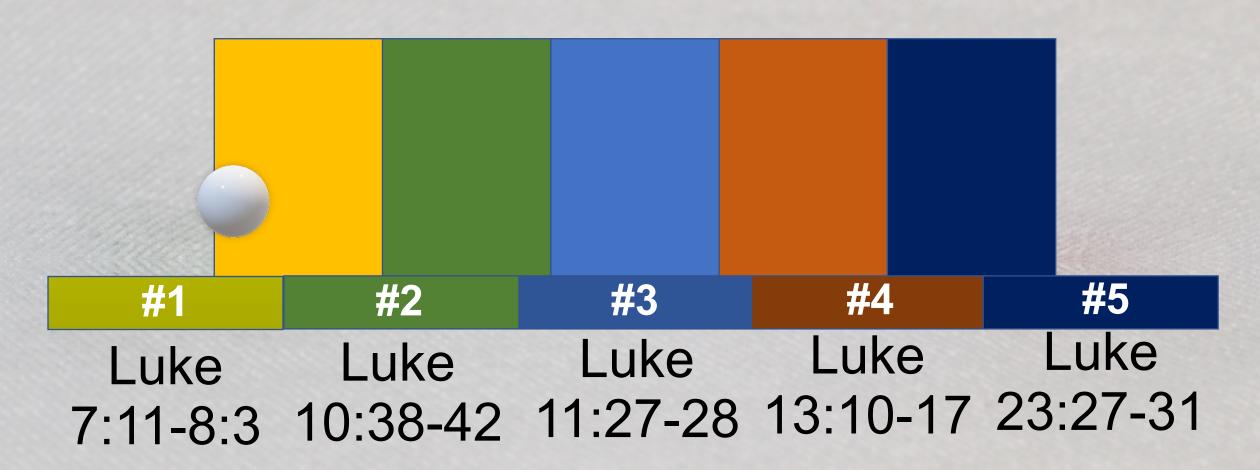
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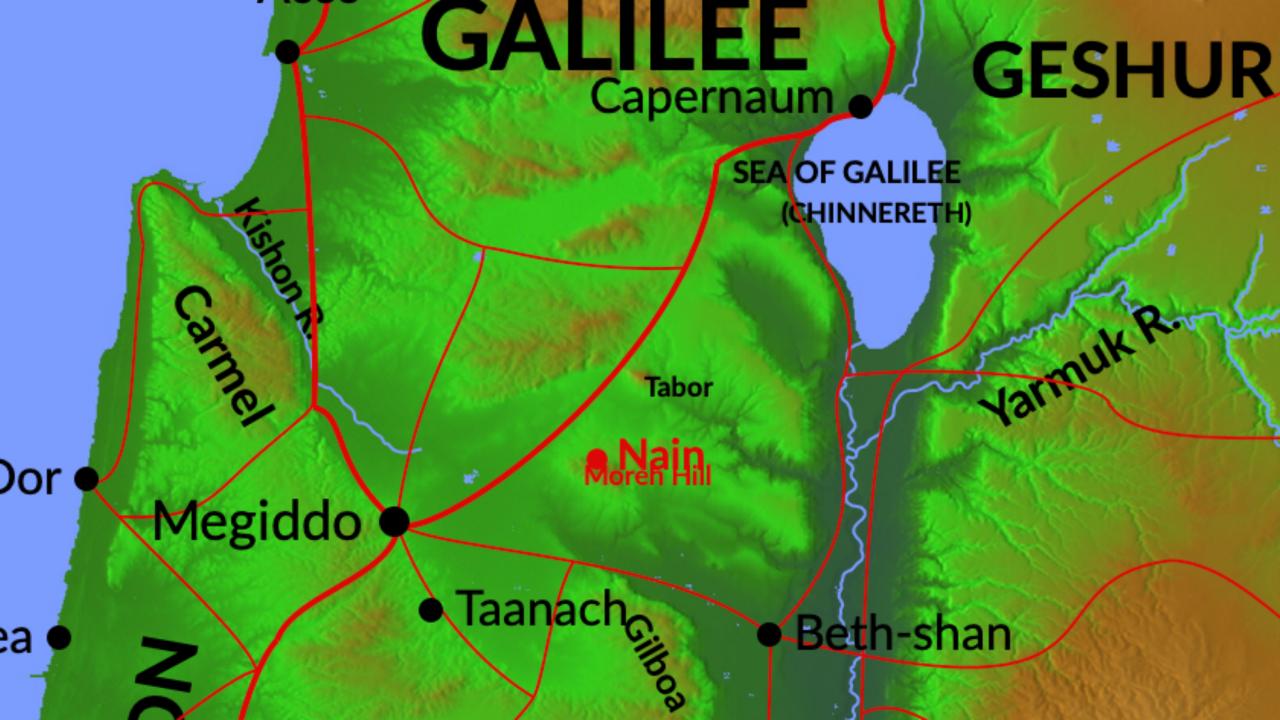
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Lk. 7:12 As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her.

Lk. 7:12 ώς δὲ ἤγγισεν τῆ πύλη τῆς πόλεως, καὶ ἰδοὺ ἐξεκομίζετο τεθνηκὼς μονογενης υἱὸς τῆ μητρὶ αὐτοῦ καὶ αὐτη ἦν χήρα, καὶ ὄχλος τῆς πόλεως ἱκανὸς ἦν σὺν αὐτῆ.





Most telling in Luke's account is his portrayal of this woman's catastrophic state. She is a widow who has lived since her husband's death in relation to her only son, himself a young man. With his passing, she is relegated to a status of "dire vulnerability" without a



visible means of support and, certainly, deprived of her access to the larger community and any vestiges of social status within the village.

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This gives an incredible glimpse into the nature of God's mission in Jesus



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HE speaks to the dead man!

Lk. 7:15 And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother.

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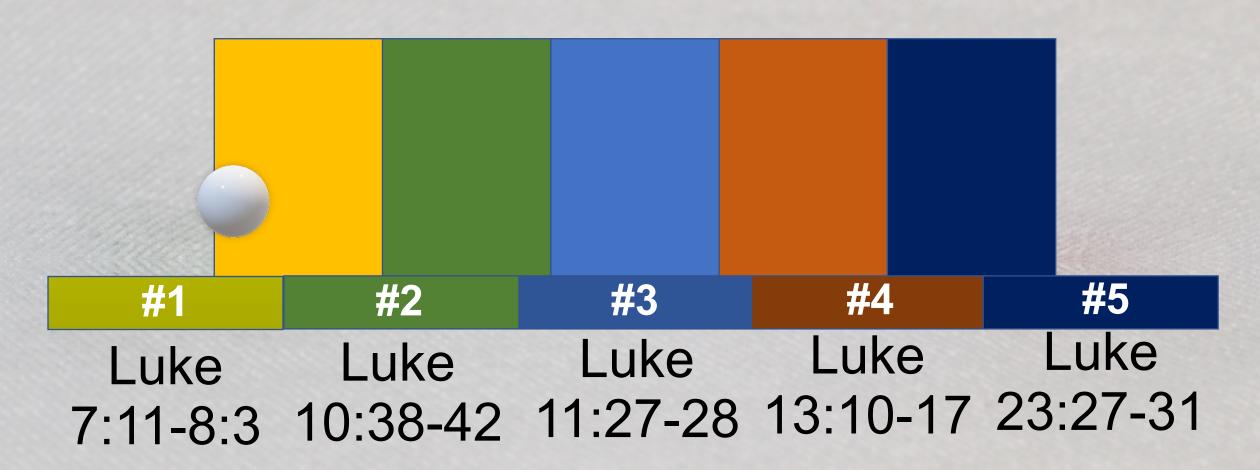
Lk. 7:16 Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

Lk. 7:16 ἔλαβεν δὲ φόβος πάντας καὶ ἐδόξαζον τὸν θεὸν λέγοντες ὅτι προφήτης μέγας ἠγέρθη ἐν ἡμῖν καὶ ὅτι ἐπεσκέψατο ὁ θεὸς τὸν λαὸν αὐτοῦ.

Lk. 7:17 And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country [even to CFBC in Texas].

Lk. 7:17 καὶ ἐξῆλθεν ὁ λόγος οὖτος ἐν ὅλη τῆ Ἰουδαία περὶ αὐτοῦ καὶ πάση τῆ περιχώρω [καὶ κφβκ ἐν τεχας].

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Look at the different ways to read this story!

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Luke gives two ways to see this



The Pharisee



Jesus

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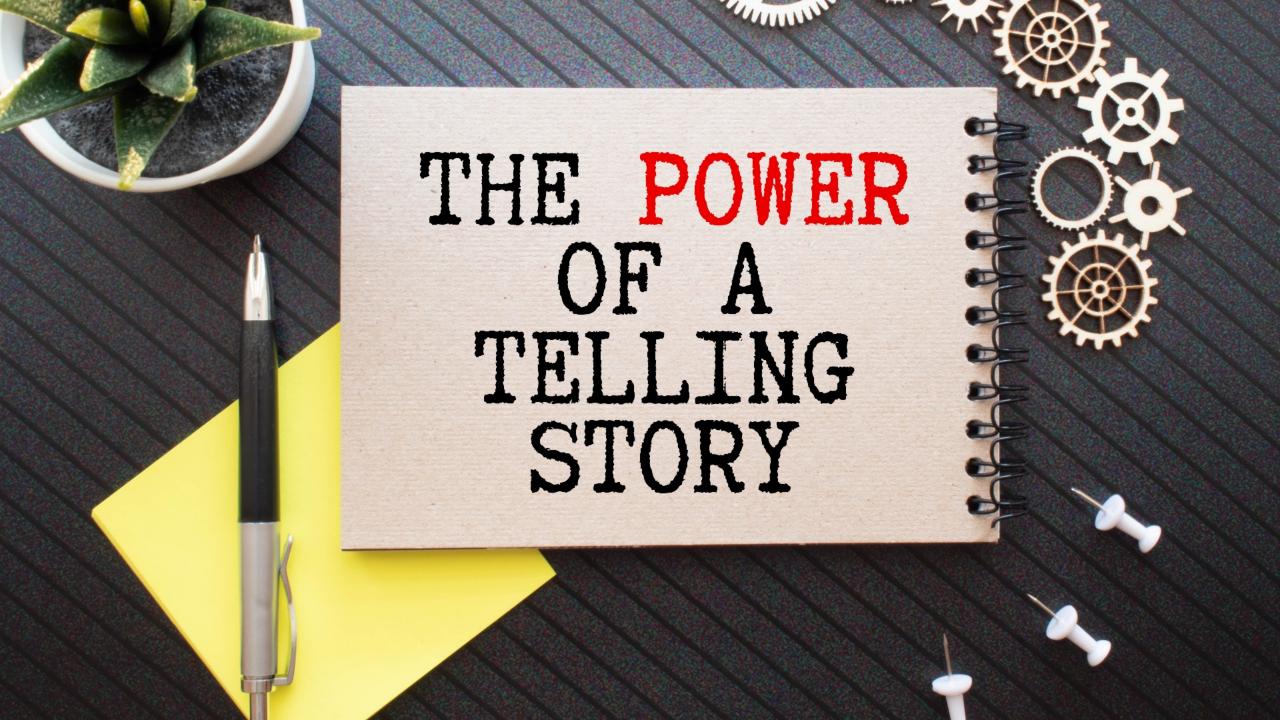
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Lk. 7:41-42 "A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?"

Lk. 7:41-42 δύο χρεοφειλέται ήσαν δανιστή τινι ὁ είς ἄφειλεν δηνάρια πεντακόσια, ό δὲ ἕτερος πεντήκοντα. μὴ έχόντων αὐτῶν ἀποδοῦναι άμφοτέροις έχαρίσατο. τίς οὖν αὐτῶν πλεῖον ἀγαπήσει αὐτόν;

Lk. 7:43 Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly."

Lk. 7:43 ἀποκριθεὶς Σίμων εἶπεν ὑπολαμβάνω ὅτι ῷ τὸ πλεῖον ἐχαρίσατο. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῷ ὀρθῶς ἔκρινας.





Lk. 7:44 Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.

Lk. 7:44 καὶ στραφεὶς πρὸς την γυναϊκα τῷ Σίμωνι ἔφη· βλέπεις ταύτην την γυναϊκα; εἰσῆλθόν σου εἰς τὴν οἰκίαν, ύδωρ μοι έπὶ πόδας οὐκ έδωκας αύτη δὲ τοῖς δάκρυσιν **ἔβρεξέν μου τοὺς πόδας καὶ** ταῖς θριξὶν αὐτῆς ἐξέμαξεν.

Lk. 7:45-46 You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment.

Lk. 7:45-46 φίλημά μοι οὐκ έδωκας αύτη δὲ ἀφ' ής εἰσῆλθον οὐ διέλιπεν καταφιλοῦσά μου τοὺς πόδας. έλαίφ την κεφαλήν μου ούκ ήλειψας αύτη δὲ μύρω ήλειψεν τούς πόδας μου.

Throw 'em in the scales



Prostitute

Irreligious

Outsider





Bad host

Lk. 7:47 Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little."

Lk. 7:47 οῦ χάριν λέγω σοι, ἀφέωνται αἱ ἁμαρτίαι αὐτῆς αἱ πολλαί, ὅτι ἠγάπησεν πολύ ῷ δὲ ὀλίγον ἀφίεται, ὀλίγον ἀγαπῷ.

Lk. 7:48-49 And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?"

Lk. 7:48-49 εἶπεν δὲ αὐτῆ· ἀφέωνταί σου αἱ ἁμαρτίαι. Καὶ ἤρξαντο οἱ συνανακείμενοι λέγειν ἐν ἑαυτοῖς· τίς οὖτός ἐστιν ὃς καὶ ἁμαρτίας ἀφίησιν;

Lk. 7:50 And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

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