

Insights from Luke

#50: “Find Safety in Christ Before It Is Too Late”
Luke 12:49-59

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“⁴⁹ ‘I have come to cast fire upon the earth; and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is accomplished!’”

Deuteronomy 32:22

“²² For a fire is kindled in My anger, and burns to the lowest part of Sheol, and consumes the earth with its yield, and sets on fire the foundations of the mountains.”

Isaiah 26:11

“¹¹ O Lord, Your hand is lifted up yet they do not see it. They see Your zeal for the people and are put to shame; Indeed, fire will devour Your enemies.”

Jeremiah 4:4

“⁴ Circumcise yourselves to the Lord and remove the foreskins of your heart, Men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, Or else My wrath will go forth like fire and burn with none to quench it, because of the evil of your deeds.”

Amos 1:7

“⁴ So I will send fire upon the house of Hazael, and it will consume the citadels of Ben-hadad. ... ⁷ So I will send fire upon the wall of Gaza, and it will consume her citadels.”

Luke 3:16

“¹⁶ John answered and said to them all, ‘As for me, I baptize you with water; but One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to untie the thong of His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.’”

Hebrew 12:29

“²⁹ for our God is a consuming fire.”

Luke 12:51-53

“⁵¹ Do you suppose that I came to grant peace on earth? I tell you, no, but rather division; ⁵² for from now on five members in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³ They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.””

Comedian Jim Carrey said:

“I’m a Buddhist, I’m a Muslim, I’m a Christian. I’m whatever you want me to be … it all comes down to the same thing.”

William Barclay, *The Gospel According to Luke*, p. 202:

The essence of Christianity is that loyalty to Christ has to take precedence over the dearest loyalties of this earth. We must be prepared to count all things but loss for the excellence of Jesus Christ.

Luke 12:54-56

“⁵⁴ And He was also saying to the crowds, ‘When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, “A shower is coming,” and so it turns out. ⁵⁵ And when you see a south wind blowing, you say, “It will be a hot day,” and it turns out that way. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to analyze the appearance of the earth and the sky, but why do you not analyze this present time?’”

I Chronicles 12:32

“³² Of the sons of Issachar, men who understood the times, with knowledge of what Israel should do....”

Luke 4:21

“²¹ And He began to say to them, ‘Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’”
c. The works of Jesus

Luke 11:20

“²⁰ But if I cast out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.”

John 10:25

“²⁵ Jesus answered them, ‘I told you, and you do not believe; the works that I do in My Father's name, these testify of Me.’”

Luke 12:57-59

“⁵⁷ ‘And why do you not even on your own initiative judge what is right? ⁵⁸ For while you are going with your opponent to appear before the magistrate, on your way there make an effort to settle with him, so that he may not drag you before the judge, and the judge turn you over to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison. ⁵⁹ I say to you, you will not get out of there until you have paid the very last cent.’”

Jesus remains as the only way.

The Prince of Peace remains as the Peacemaker between God and man.

Jesus ran to His death.

**Discerning the times also
means never forgetting
where we came from or
who we really are.**