

Luke

Luke-Acts Intention

"To set down an orderly account of all that was accomplished in the life of the primitive church (from Jesus to Paul) in order to give the churches assurance of the things they'd been taught and to establish them in participation in God's plan."



Luke Author's Intention

"To narrating what Jesus began to do and teach during his ministry on earth, confirming Jesus as Israel's long-awaited messiah, who inaugurated the coming of God's kingdom."



Luke 9.51-53

"When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem."



Luke 18.9-14

"He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Questions, part 1

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- Why does Luke show us this parable?
- What does he want us to learn?

Questions, part 2

- Who are we (as readers) supposed to identify with?
- Who are we actually like?



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"Performative Christianity"

A version of Christianity where the things we do are a substitute for genuine Christian faith.

Other things become a proxy for real belief/behavior





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Questions

 Identify some examples of performative Christianity, and discuss how they distort the apostolic faith.

How does performative Christianity go afield of biblical faith?

 Are there any types of performative Christianity you have engaged in? How can you break free from them?

