

## **Luke Lesson 28 Handout**

**Jesus, Son of Joseph  
Woodcrafter Carpenter Shop  
Nazareth, Galilee**

**Dear Sir:**

**Thank you for submitting the resumes of the 12 men you have picked for managerial positions in your new organization. All of them have now taken the battery of tests and we have run them through our computers. It is the staffs' opinion that most of your nominees are lacking in background, educational and vocational aptitude for the type of enterprise you are undertaking. They do not have the team concept. We would suggest that you continue your search for persons with experience and proven capability. Simon Peter is emotionally unstable and given to fits of temper. Andrew has no leadership skills at all. The 2 brothers, James and John, place personal interest above company loyalty. Thomas demonstrates a questioning attitude that would tend to undermine morale. We feel that it is our duty to inform you that Matthew has been blacklisted by the Greater Jerusalem Better Business Bureau. James the son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus have radical leanings and registered high manic-depressive scores.**

**Only one of the candidates shows great potential. He is a man of ability and resourcefulness who meets people well and has a keen business mind. He has contacts in high places and is highly motivated, ambitious and responsible. We recommend Judas Iscariot as your controller and right-**

hand man.

**We wish you every success in your new venture.**

**Sincerely yours,  
Jordan Management Consultants  
Jerusalem, Judea**

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**Mark 5:37–41 (NASB95)**

**<sup>37</sup>And He allowed no one to accompany Him, except Peter and James and John the brother of James.**

**<sup>38</sup>They came to the house of the synagogue official; and He saw a commotion, and people loudly weeping and wailing.**

**<sup>39</sup>And entering in, He said to them, “Why make a commotion and weep? The child has not died, but is asleep.”**

**<sup>40</sup>They began laughing at Him. But putting them all out, He took along the child’s father and mother and His own companions, and entered the room where the child was.**

**<sup>41</sup>Taking the child by the hand, He said to her, “Talitha kum!” (which translated means, “Little girl, I say to you, get up!”).**

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**Matthew 17:1–4 (NASB95)**

**<sup>1</sup>Six days later Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up on a high mountain by themselves.**

**<sup>2</sup>And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light.**

**<sup>3</sup>And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.**

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**Mark 14:32–35 (NASB95)**

**<sup>32</sup>They came to a place named Gethsemane; and He said to His disciples, "Sit here until I have prayed."**

**<sup>33</sup>And He took with Him Peter and James and John, and began to be very distressed and troubled.**

**<sup>34</sup>And He said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved to the point of death; remain here and keep watch."**

**<sup>35</sup>And He went a little beyond them, and fell to the ground and began to pray that if it were possible, the hour might pass Him by.**

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**Mark 3:17 (NASB95)**

**<sup>17</sup>and James, the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James (to them He gave the name Boanerges, which means, "Sons of Thunder");**

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**Luke 9:51–56 (NASB95)**

**<sup>51</sup>When the days were approaching for His ascension, He was determined to go to Jerusalem;**

**<sup>52</sup>and He sent messengers on ahead of Him, and they went and entered a village of the Samaritans to make arrangements for Him.**

**<sup>53</sup>But they did not receive Him, because He was traveling toward Jerusalem.**

**<sup>54</sup>When His disciples James and John saw this, they said, “Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?”**

**<sup>55</sup>But He turned and rebuked them, [and said, “You do not know what kind of spirit you are of;**

**<sup>56</sup>for the Son of Man did not come to destroy men’s lives, but to save them.”] And they went on to another village.**

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### **Acts 12:1–5 (NASB95)**

**<sup>1</sup>Now about that time Herod the king laid hands on some who belonged to the church in order to mistreat them.**

**<sup>2</sup>And he had James the brother of John put to death with a sword.**

**<sup>3</sup>When he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. Now it was during the days of Unleavened Bread.**

**<sup>4</sup>When he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out before the people.**

**<sup>5</sup>So Peter was kept in the prison, but prayer for him was being made fervently by the church to God.**

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10% of church members cannot be found?

20% of church members never attend church

25% admit that they never pray

35% admit that they do not read their Bibles

40% admit that they never contribute to the church? tithe or offering

60% never give to missions

70% never assume responsibility within the church

85% never invite anyone to church

95 % have never won anyone to Christ

BUT! 100% expect to go to heaven

(The Choice, by Thomas Trask, Zondervan Pub. House, Grand Rapids, MI, 1999)

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My dearest friend and soul mate Saeed,

As you turn 33 today, I am reminded of the previous years that we have celebrated this very special day together. Our house was always so full of joy and laughter as we rejoiced the day that you were born.

Yet today, there is a deep piercing pain in my heart knowing that you will spend your birthday in solitary confinement, constrained to a small room, not knowing when it is day or night. Under constant torture and abuse by radicals who are trying to break you and have you deny your faith in Jesus.

With tightness in my throat, pain in my heart, and tears streaming down my face...so very weak, I promise to stand strong in the strength of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ fighting with every strength of my being until you are united to our family again.

I will be a voice, where you are being silenced. I will be hands and feet where you are being bound and in chains. That the whole world would know, that the whole world would hear that Jesus is Lord.

We are so proud of you. Hang in there. Hold on tight to Jesus. You have many brothers and sisters praying for you and standing with you.

**Kyle Idelman wrote a book called Not a Fan.**

**The back cover says this:**

**The dictionary defines a fan as “an enthusiastic admirer.” Fans want to be close enough to Jesus to get all the benefits, but not so close that it requires sacrifice. Fans may be fine with repeating a prayer, attending church on the weekend, and slapping a Jesus fish on their bumpers.**

**But is that really the extent of the relationship Jesus wants?**

**Jesus was never interested in having admirers. Its not fans he is looking for..**

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### **Matthew 20:20–24 (NASB95)**

**<sup>20</sup>Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to Jesus with her sons, bowing down and making a request of Him.**

**<sup>21</sup>And He said to her, “What do you wish?” She said to Him, “Command that in Your kingdom these two sons of mine may sit one on Your right and one on Your left.”**

**<sup>22</sup>But Jesus answered, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?” They said to Him, “We are able.”**

**<sup>23</sup>He said to them, “My cup you shall drink; but to sit on My right and on My left, this is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by My Father.”**

**<sup>24</sup>And hearing this, the ten became indignant with the two brothers.**

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### **Mark 9:38 (NLT)**

**<sup>38</sup>John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone using your name to cast out demons, but we told him to stop because he wasn’t in our group.”**

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### **1 John 3:6 (NASB95)**

**<sup>6</sup>No one who abides in Him sins; no one who sins has seen Him or knows Him.**

**1 John 3:9 (NASB95)**

**<sup>9</sup>No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.**

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**1 John 4:7–8 (NASB95)**

**<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.**

**<sup>8</sup>The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.**

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**John 11:16 (NASB95)**

**<sup>16</sup>Therefore Thomas, who is called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, so that we may die with Him."**

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**John 14:2–6 (NASB95)**

**<sup>2</sup>"In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.**

**<sup>3</sup>"If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.**

**<sup>4</sup>"And you know the way where I am going."**

**<sup>5</sup>Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?"**

**<sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.**

**John 20:24–29 (NASB95)**

**24**But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

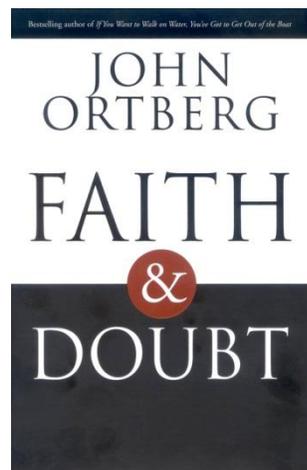
**25**So the other disciples were saying to him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.”

**26**After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, “Peace be with you.”

**27**Then He said to Thomas, “Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing.”

**28**Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!”

**29**Jesus said to him, “Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed.”



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important word is the  
one in the middle?

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