

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

(Luke 4:18–19)

We all long for release, wholeness, and freedom. We desire to reach out to others, to be accepted by others. As we experience the joy of knowing that Christ loves us, we want to share that praise with the community around us. We want to witness to all that Christ is doing in our midst, and we want to come together to celebrate.

The Gospel of *Luke* contains a message that speaks to all of these desires! Through the announcement of the jubilee, Jesus grants us freedom; through the stories of those Jesus healed, we lift up our voices in praise; and through the author of *Luke*, we, too, become witnesses for the gospel of Christ. Dale Lindsay Morgan’s *Jubilee! Luke’s Gospel for the Poor* highlights these hallmarks of *Luke*—jubilee, praise, and witness. In this study, we learn about the many ways that Jesus’ jubilee message turned the world upside down, exalting the poor, including outsiders, and bringing the love of God to all.

By examining the idea of jubilee, and the response Jesus received in his ministry, we will learn how to recognize the poor in our very midst—in ourselves, in our families, in our communities, and in our world. As the gospel of *Luke* challenges us to see the poor in new and ever more faithful ways, we will begin to consider our own responses to Jesus and the call to bring the good news to all we meet.

Jubilee! Luke’s Gospel for the Poor was written by Dale Lindsay Morgan, with Suggestions for Leaders by Louise Lawson Johnson. It is available in ecumenical, Spanish, Korean, large-print, and audio editions. Check the *Horizons* Web pages—www.pcusa.org/horizons—for more Bible-study-related resources. To order, call Presbyterian Distribution Service (PDS)—800/524-2612.

Three supplements to the *Jubilee!* study explore Jesus’ journey and jubilee message further. In *Eyewitness News: Transcripts of Live Interviews with Those Who Saw Jesus*, Dale Lindsay Morgan compiles transcripts of “live” interviews with those in ancient Galilee and Judea who were eyewitnesses to Jesus’ healings, teachings, and miracles. In *On the Road: A Storytelling Journey with Luke*, Kikanza Nuri Robins helps participants understand how they and others experience inclusion and exclusion, privilege and powerlessness. *Out of the Abundance of the Heart: A Jubilee Journal*, by Dale Lindsay Morgan, allows the participant to reflect on her own journey with Jesus, as she studies *Luke*.

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