

Why “All Things New”?

Sermon Series: **Luke: All Things New**



Series Goal

That Mercy Hill Church would be made new as we follow the One who is making all things new!



Key Text

Luke 1:1-4

→ “Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us...”



Big Idea

Luke puts forward Christ as a new Creator who through a new exodus is establishing a new humanity and, ultimately, a new world.

(1) A New Creator (4:16-21)

The new creation work, pictured in the Year of Jubilee, will be hastened by the Lord in its time, and brought in by the Messianic Servant, who has upon Him the Spirit of God. And Jesus, in a little synagogue, in a little town, reveals Himself to be this Servant and today as the beginning of the year of the Lord’s favor. The time for undertaking this new creation work is now!

But all of His earthly ministry was heading towards something no one would expect, though everyone should have. All the physical manifestations of His Messianic identity were partial and anticipatory of the fuller, even spiritual, liberation He would accomplish for us in His death and resurrection.

(2) A New Exodus (9:28-31)

Through the word “departure” (*exodos* in the Greek), a line is drawn between what Christ is going to accomplish or fulfill in Jerusalem and the Exodus event that was the defining moment of the children of Israel. Christ’s exodus in Jerusalem would lead to the ultimate liberation of the people of God and would fulfill all that the first exodus symbolized. The new creation is coming through a new exodus!

(3) A New Humanity (24:44-46)

We’re so poor, so captive, so oppressed, so blind, we see in the most significant event in cosmic history, weakness and foolishness, an utter failure not an overwhelming triumph. As Jesus had said: “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God” (Joh 3:3). We need Him to open our eyes if we are to see the glory of what He’s done and be made new in Him. We need the resurrected Christ to resurrect us!



Critical Action

When you find yourself asking those two questions (What is wrong? Who/what can make it right?), look no further than to Luke 1:1.



Reflection Questions

- Why would Luke want to focus on Christ as the Pioneer of God’s new creation? How does this fit within the larger story of the Scriptures?
- Would you say that you’ve been asking those two questions (listed above)? When? Why? How do you answer them?
- Have you seen the world asking these questions? When? Why? How does the world answer them? What of these answer are most tempting for you to buy into? Why?
- How do you deal with the fact that we are new creations in Christ (2 Cor 5:17) and yet still experiencing brokenness, failure, sin, and suffering? Is Jesus really the answer? How?