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A Good News Story

We Are Known by Our Good Actions

Q&A

What did the crowd want Jesus to do?

What object did Jesus refer to in making a point?

Read more about it in Luke 6

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One day, Jesus came down the mountain to where a huge crowd had gathered to be healed by him.

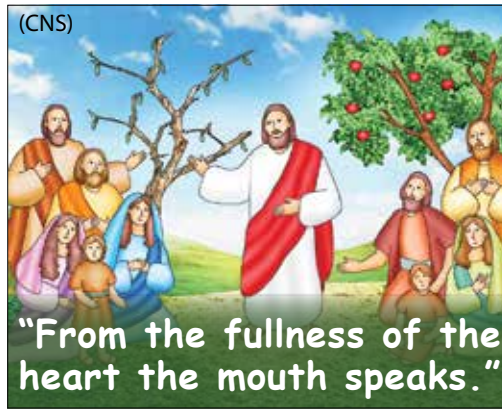
Jesus raised his eyes toward his apostles and began to speak.

He said, “Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man.

“Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way.”

Jesus explained that people should love their enemies, bless those who curse them, pray for those who mistreat them, do good to those who hate them and be merciful. He told them not to judge and condemn others and to be forgiving.

“For the measure with which you measure will in return



Bible Trivia

Jesus said no disciple is superior to what? (Hint: Luke 6:40)

Answer: The teacher

be measured out to you,” he said.

He then told a parable, saying that a blind person cannot lead a blind person, or they both will fall into a pit.

“Why do you notice the splinter in your brother’s eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?” he asked.

“How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,’ when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother’s eye.”

Jesus then used the example of a tree to make a point.

“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles,” he explained.

“A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks,” he said.



(Photos provided/ Brian Wahl)

A Different Kind of School Lunch

LOVES PARK—Students at St. Bridget School, principal Mary Toldo and other school staff members came together to pack meals on Jan. 31 for the Catholic nonprofit organization Kids Around the World. Each class from kindergarten to eighth grade worked together to measure, pack and send 20,000 meals to children in Zambia — complete with colorful drawings on the shipping boxes. Brian Wahl, the nonprofit’s regional director of mission advancement, said of the students: “It was a blessing to see their servant hearts.”



(Photo provided/ Jean Spohn)

She Can Spell ‘Exceptionally’ Well: Dixon Student Wins School Contest, Advances to Regional Spelling Bee

DIXON—Madison Storey (left), a student at St. Mary Elementary and Junior High School, won the school’s 2022 spelling bee and advanced to the regional spelling bee at Dixon High School Feb. 24. Storey’s teacher, Brandi Spreeman (right), was the moderator for the school contest. Fellow student Ryan Welty was named as an alternate.



(Photos provided/ Isabelle Roiniotis)

Holy Family School Celebrates Student Body Family

ROCKFORD—Holy Family School held an open house event Jan. 30. Members of the school and parish community came together to learn about and celebrate the school’s clubs, extracurricular activities, artwork and athletics. The Knights of Columbus Council #13123 and the Women’s Guild were showcased as well.