

The Beatitudes in Luke's Gospel

Luke's Gospel shows God's love for the poor and all those who are in need. Each blessing has a woe, or warning, that follows it. Complete the blessings and woes below using words from the word box. Read Luke 6:20-26 for more help.

false prophets
kingdom

joyful
weep

rich
hungry

filled
laugh

Blessed are the poor – yours is the kingdom of God.

Woe to the rich, for you already have your consolation.

Blessed are the hungry – you will be filled.

Woe to those who are full now, for you will be hungry.

Blessed are those who weep – you will laugh.

Woe to you laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

Blessed are you when people hate you because of the Son of Man – you will be joyful in heaven.

Woe to you whom people speak well of now, that's how their ancestors treated false prophets.

Parents and Catechists: In Luke's Gospel, Jesus offers just four Beatitudes. In them Jesus describes the differences between poor and rich people. The poor are aware of their need for God's love and mercy; the rich are reminded to practice justice and share what they have with those who have less.