



# *Saint Luke* PRODUCTIONS

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Selections to prepare for audition video for Saint Luke Productions

## **GOSPEL OF LUKE AUDITION PIECES**

Thank you for your willingness to share with us your interpretation of Jesus (and Saint Luke). Below you will find two selections from the Gospel of Luke which covers some of the qualities we are looking for in an actor who could take on this challenging role.

The first selection will demonstrate your ability to connect with an audience in dramatizing a story. The passage incorporates a few characters, and we encourage you to differentiate these characters, especially the character of Jesus in your reading, to bring the story to life.

The second passage will showcase your sincere understanding of Christ's person and teaching. Strive for genuineness and connection with the audience.

It would be great if you could prepare this with the camera being only one of many "audience members" to whom you direct your words. We would like to get the feel for your ability to talk to a room full of people, so direct your attention to several different points in the room where you perform. Treat it as a theatrical (if intimate) performance, rather than a film one. A one person show is unique in that the audience really does play a role in the drama, and much of your performance is directed to them, since there are no other characters on stage. Show us how you connect with people in telling a story.

Thanks again for taking the time to prepare this piece. We pray that it will be a contemplative spiritual experience for you to perform them for this audition.



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## **1. The Road to Emmaus**

Two of them that same day were making their way to a village named Emmaus seven miles distant from Jerusalem, discussing as they went all that had happened. In the course of their lively exchange, Jesus approached and began to walk along with them. However, they were restrained from recognizing him. He said to them... "What little sense you have! How slow you are to believe all that the prophets have announced! Did not the Messiah have to undergo all this so as to enter into his glory?" Beginning, then, with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted for them every passage of Scripture which referred to him. By now they were near the village to which they were going, and he acted as if he were going farther. But they pressed him: "Stay with us. It is nearly evening--the day is practically over." So he went in to stay with them. When he had seated himself with them to eat, he took bread, pronounced the blessing, then broke the bread and began to distribute it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him; whereupon he vanished from their sight. They said to one another, "Were not our hearts burning inside us as he talked to us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?"

They got up immediately and returned to Jerusalem, where they found the Eleven and the rest of the company assembled. They were greeted with, "The Lord has been raised! It is true! He has appeared to Simon." Then they recounted what had happened on the road and how they had come to know him in the breaking of bread.

## **2. Love your enemies**

To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who maltreat you. When someone slaps you on one cheek, turn and give him the other; when someone takes your cloak, let him have your shirt as well. Give to all who beg from you. When a man takes what is yours, do not demand it back. Do to others what you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, how can you claim any credit? Sinners do as much. If you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what merit is there in it for you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. Love your enemies and do good. Lend without expecting repayment. Then will your recompense be great. You will rightly be called sons of the Most High, for he himself is good to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, as your Father is merciful.



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Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give and gifts will be given to you; Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over will they pour into the fold of your garment. For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you.