

The Book of Luke

Intro - 1:1-4 Luke is writing to Theophilus to write an orderly account of the story of Jesus. The reason: So Theophilus can be sure of what he has heard.

1:5-10 Zechariah and Elizabeth are like Abraham and Sarah. No children, both old. They are commended for their righteousness.

1:11-15 An angel tells Zechariah that they will have a son named John. He will have the Spirit from birth.

1:16-17 John is going to turn people back to God. John fulfills some prophecies in Isaiah and Malachi.

1:18-25 Zechariah does not believe Gabriel so he becomes mute. Elizabeth becomes pregnant and shares in the blessing other women have had such as Sarai, Rebekah, Rachel, and Hannah.

1:26-38 Gabriel comes to Mary and tells her she will have a son. She has the right response. Jesus will be Son of the Most High and will take David's throne as prophecies about (2sam 7:13. I Sa 9:4). Luke proves this is the Messiah long anticipated.

1:39- 45 John reacts to Jesus' Presence in the room. Now Elizabeth was filled with the Spirit. Elizabeth knows who Jesus is and praises Mary for believing.

1:46-56 Mary's Song is also called Magnificat which means "glorifies". Mary stays until John is born.

1:57-601 John the Baptist is born. They wanted to name him after his father but Elizabeth spoke up.

1:42-604 Then Zechariah also wrote his name is John. Then he was able to speak again praising God.

1:47.80 Zechariah, filled with the Spirit, gave this prophecy, called Benedictus since first word is "praise" A prophecy about John who would become a prophet. John lived in the desert until his ministry began.

Chapter 2

2:1-7 Because of the census, Mary and Joseph were in Bethlehem. Jesus was born here in a feeding trough

2:8-12 An angel appears to shepherds living out in the fields. The angel tells them Jesus has come and they will find him in a manger.

2:13-14 The third Song in Luke, this time by spiritual beings. Their message was praise and peace to those who looked to the child.

2:15-20 The Shepherds go and see what this was all about. They find Jesus and tell people about him.

2:21-24 Mary and Joseph obey the law of Moses and circumcise him. They consecrated him and offered the purification offering.

2:25-26 Simeon had Holy Spirit insight and he was waiting for the Messiah.

2:27-35 Simeon was led by the Spirit to find Jesus. Song by Simeon about Jesus and gives a prophecy about him to his mother.

2:36 - 40 The prophetess Anna stayed at the temple and told the people about Jesus. Jesus grew up in Nazareth filled with wisdom and grace.

2:41-45 Jesus stays behind at Passover. His parents travel without him and return.

2:46- 52 Jesus was in the temple listening and asking questions as a boy. Jesus responds by saying "my Father's house" a sign of the relationship between Father and Son.

Chapter 3

3:1-2 Luke gives a timetable of the following events. Pilate was governor and Herod's Sons, Antipas and Philip were rulers of the Kingdom. Annas and Caiaphas were high priests during this time.

3:3-4 John preaches baptism of repentance for forgiveness. He fulfills Isaiah 40:3-5

3:5-9 John warns that God's judgment is coming. His message was to produce good fruit but they were not.

3:10-14 Tax collectors and Soldiers, enemies to the Jews, come to John and ask how they can change.

3:15-20 John tells them that Jesus is coming and he will baptize with the Holy Spirit. He gives a vision of judgment against those who refuse. John is thrown in prison .

3:21-23 Jesus is baptized and the Spirit comes upon him while praying. God's voice is heard 2 other times, total of 3.

3:24-38 Genealogy of Jesus. This record works backward and is a little different than Matthew's. Matthew probably traces royal line while Luke traces direct bloodline. Jesus begins his ministry at age 30

Chapter 4

4:1-2 Jesus was led by the spirit and fasted and tempted for 40 days.

4: 3-4 First temptation- turn stones to bread.

4:5-8 second temptation. Worship Satan

4:9-13 Third temptation. Test God. These three may be out of order but Luke ends with Jesus in Jerusalem. The place where the suffering and pain will come. Satan tries to quote Scripture but misuses it. Each time Jesus quotes from Deuteronomy. Jesus passes the test, proving he really is the Messiah.

4:14-15 Jesus teaching, though it is being praised, will now come into rejection.

4:16-19 Jesus reads from the scroll of Isaiah in the synagogue. He reads Isaiah 601:1-2 about himself.

4:20-23 Jesus tells them he is the fulfillment of that passage and he tells them a common proverb that they will tell him.

4:24-27 Jesus points to the fact that the Gentiles will have access to Jesus because of Israel's rejection of him.

4:28-30 Jesus escapes death and is rejected in his hometown.

4:31-37 Jesus proves he has authority over evil spirits and even they know who he is.

4:38-39 Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law from high fever.

4:40-41 People carried the sick to Jesus and he healed them. The demons called him the Christ but he would not let them speak.

4:42-44 Jesus was sent to preach the good news of the kingdom of God and he continued to do so.

Chapter 5

5:1-3 Jesus is teaching near the sea of Galilee and he gets into Peter's boat and teaches from the boat.

5:4-5 Jesus tells Simon to lower the nets (after he cleaned them) where they haven't caught anything.

5:4-9 They caught so many fish that Simon's partners had to help. Simon realized and was overcome with conviction.

5:10-11 James and John were there. Jesus calls them to be disciples and they follow him.

5:12-16 A man with leprosy comes to Jesus knowing he can be healed. Jesus heals him but orders the man not to tell. Luke says news spread anyway but Jesus was by himself and prayed.

5:17-19 Jesus is teaching with Pharisees surrounding him. Friends of a paralytic man lowered him through the roof.

5:20-21 Jesus first forgives the man's sins striking the Pharisees with anger.

5:22-26 Jesus healed the man as a testament that he also can forgive sins.

5:27-32 Jesus calls Levi or Matthew and Levi holds a feast. When they see Jesus there, they question why. Jesus says his whole mission is to call sinners to repentance, including them.

5:33-35 The Pharisees question Jesus about fasting and he alludes to his ascension.

5:36-39 Parable of old/new wineskins and patches. The message is the same: the gospel is here and they must embrace it.

Chapter 6

6:1-2 The disciples were doing what was technically forbidden on the Sabbath.

6:3-5 Jesus gives another example when David broke a law. In both cases, they both were good in spirit and Jesus is Lord of Sabbath.

6:6-11 To prove this, Luke gives the account of when Jesus healed on the Sabbath. The Pharisees are furious and plot.

6:12-16 Jesus prayed before choosing 12 to be his closest apostles.

6:17-23 Jesus takes these 12 and teaches a crowd. He starts with the beatitudes

6: 24-26 Then Jesus gives woes in the exact opposite of the blessings. Poor-rich, hunger-fed, weep-laugh, hate- like.

6:27-31 The heart of Jesus' teaching is love even unto our enemies.

6:32-36 Not loving our enemies is no better than anyone else. By loving our enemies we have a reward.

6:37-38 Jesus refrains us from hypocritical judgment on others.

6:39-42 We should not be hypocrites and point out peoples' sins when we have our own to deal with. We first deal with ours.

6:43-45 Our heart determines the outcome in our lives. We speak what's in our hearts

6:46-49 The wise and foolish builders. All based on hearing Jesus words and doing them. We will be able to stand against anything. Could also be reference to Jerusalem.

Chapter 7

7:1-10 This centurion had a heart for people and Jesus. He was humble and knew Jesus power. Because of his faith, the servant was healed.

7:11-17 Jesus raises a widow's son to life. Ritual purity wasn't on his mind but widow was. They call Jesus a great prophet but most Messiah.

7:18-20 John was in prison and wanted to make sure Jesus was who he thought he was.

7:21-23 Jesus' answer was one of evidence and power. These things were also predicted by prophets.

7:24-28 Jesus then speaks about John and his ministry. Even those who are least in the Kingdom Jesus says are greater.

7:29-30 Luke adds a little note saying that Pharisees and those alike rejected God because they were not baptized.

7:31-35 They rejected John and Jesus' ministry and chose the foolish path. Those who know wisdom follow.

7:36- 39 Jesus was at a Pharisees house, a sinful woman comes and wipes Jesus feet and pars perfume on him. A type of anointing. The Pharisee did not appreciate this.

7:40-50 Jesus gives a parable. One owes more, one owes less. Both debts are canceled. The one owed more is more grateful. Jesus applies this to the woman. sins forgiven = love more. Again her faith saved her

Chapter 8

8:1-3 This was the second tour of Galilee Jesus had taken. Luke mentions women by name who were supporting Jesus on their own.

8:4- 8 The parable of the sower. A parable of hearing and receiving. Those who heard Jesus' words and believed were the seeds that gave crops.

8:9-10 Jesus Says that he speaks in parables so truth will be hidden from those who reject him.

8:11-15 Jesus explains the parable. People receive the word of God differently.

8:16-18 The disciples were to be a light to everyone and tell the truth to everyone.

8:19-21 A short story about Jesus prioritizing his spiritual family.

8:22-25 Jesus calms the storm showing who he was and how little faith the disciples had.

8:26-27 Jesus was approached by a possessed man

8:28-29 The demons know who Jesus was as the Son of God.

8:30-33 The demons went into a herd of pigs and they all drowned.

8:34-39 When the people saw what had happened; they were afraid. The man wanted to go with Jesus, but he had another mission, testify about what God had done for him.

8:40-42 Jairus comes to Jesus pleading for his daughter.

8:43-48 A woman suffering from bleeding touched Jesus and she was healed. Her faith healed her.

8:49-56 The girl dies but Jesus brings her back to life. Once again he tells the father to believe.

Chapter 9

9:1-6 Jesus gave his disciples power to heal and preach the gospel. They were to take nothing with them.

9:7-9 Different things were being said about who Jesus was and Herod had questions as well, though probably they were to trap him.

9:10-12 Crowds were following Jesus and the disciples and they were hungry and nowhere near a town.

9:13-17 Jesus feeds a crowd of 5,000 men plus others with 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish. The miracles are an example to trust Jesus that he will provide. 12 baskets picked up- 12 tribes/12 disciples.

9:18-22 Jesus asks them who the crowds say he is, then he asks Peter. Peter answers correctly and then Jesus predicts his death and resurrection.

9:23-27 Following Jesus means complete surrender and dedication. We must give our life to him to save our lives.

9:28-31 Only three disciples with Jesus when he's transfigured. Moses and Elijah, the Law and the Prophets which Jesus was fulfilling. They talked about Jesus leaving earth or his "exodus" which Moses and Elijah had connection to.

9:32-36 Peter realizes what is happening but doesn't know how to react. A cloud comes over them as God spoke out of a cloud to Moses and God charges them to listen to Jesus. Then they were alone.

9:37-43 Jesus heals a boy with an evil spirit that the disciples could not.

9:44-45 Jesus tells the disciples that he is going to be rejected but they were kept from understanding.

9:46-50 Jesus teaches humbleness like a child to the disciples. Those who serve will be exalted. If they do things in the name of Jesus that are in obedience they are for us. Treat them as such.

9:51-56 The Samaritans rejected the messengers and the disciples have the wrong attitude.

9:57-62 The cost is great to follow Jesus and the road is hard. Dedication is key.

Chapter 10

10:1-12 Jesus sends out 70 or 72 two by two" as with Noah's ark and the last time. They were to proclaim the kingdom of God to the towns and to those who reject the message they were to send woes.

10:13-15 Woe to cities who rejected Jesus and their judgment.

10:16-20 The disciples loved that they drove out demons. Jesus sees Satan being defeated. He also tells them not to gloat over what they do but to rejoice they are saved.

10:21-24 Many have longed to see the time of Jesus when saving grace has come through Him.

10:25-29 An expert asks Jesus how to get eternal life. He answers love God love others which Jesus approves of. He asks who his neighbor is

10:30-37 Parable of the good Samaritan. Jews and Samaritans were enemies. Everyone is our neighbor, even those we don't like.

10:38-42 Martha became distracted by other things while Mary was attentive to Jesus

Chapter 11

11:1-8 Jesus models prayer which is similar to Matthew's account. He also urges boldness in prayer

11:9-13 If we ask, God is ready and able to give what we ask just as we give our children what they need.

11:14-28 Jesus cast out demons by the power of God, not Satan. Beelzebub-Satan, Jesus then refers to Jews who rejected him because they will end up worse than before. Without God's presence and faithful living to the word of God, or condition worsens just like Jerusalem.

11:29-32 The sign of Jonah is 3 days and nights. Jesus' death and resurrection which will bring judgment on those in Jerusalem who reject him.

11:33-36 We must be full of light and our eyes must be fixed on Jesus to receive that light.

11:37-41 The Pharisees were more concerned with what they did on the outside than their hearts.

11:42-54 Jesus pronounces 6 woes on the religious leaders of that day. They do not have the heart of gold and do not have justice and mercy.

Chapter 12

12:1-7. Jesus offers warning against hypocrisy and to fear the Lord because he loves us.

12:8-12 Blasphemy against the Spirit is rejecting the gifts and offerings of the Spirit which would indicate rejection of Salvation, or attribute what the Spirit gives to Satan.

12:13-21 Parable of the Rich Fool. This was in response to the man's greed and thinking of material things instead of Jesus' words.

12:22-34 Jesus then discusses how we are not to worry about those things in our life. Worrying is useless and God has given us the Kingdom. Therefore we should be generous and not selfish.

12:35-40 Jesus' warning about watching and being ready probably for the judgment on Jerusalem.

12: 41-48 The leaders of Jerusalem have failed at their jobs of taking care of the people. Jesus will come and has come when they have abused their position of being in charge.

12:49-53 These words seem odd from Jesus but he realizes many will reject him.

12:54-59 None of them could realize that that time was the time of the Messiah and the judgment on Jerusalem. This was the time to make a decision for everyone.

Chapter 13

13:1-5 It was a common belief that sin resulted with calamity in a persons life. Jesus refutes this but offers repentance or face the consequence.

13:4-9 This parable corresponds to Jerusalem and its leaders. They will either produce fruit or be cut off.

13:10-17 A woman healed on the Sabbath which the synagogue ruler complained about. Jesus gives meaning to the Sabbath, a day of rest and freedom which was brought to this woman.

13:18- 21 Jesus compares the Kingdom to a mustard seed that grows and yeast that works through the door.

13:22-30 Jesus offers a teaching of entering the Kingdom by faithful following not just being fans of Jesus.

13:31-35 The Pharisees wanted Jesus to leave but he insisted that he stay so that his plan would take place. Jesus gives a wee to Jerusalem because they were not willing to accept him.

Chapter 14

14: 1-6. Jesus was being watched by the pharisees and he went into one of their houses. He heals a man and asks them two questions. They remained silent.

14:7-14 Jesus gives two parables. one about honor and how Good will exalt the humble

and humble the exalted. Then he talks about the Kingdom as a banquet of the outcast and low. By treating the low in society as if they were not, we will be repaid in salvation when Jesus comes.

14:15-24 Jesus gives the parable of the banquet in which the religious leaders and some Jews have rejected Jesus and the invitation to the kingdom and it will spread to the poor and gentiles

14:25-35 Jesus takes top priority as his disciples. Deciding to follow Jesus takes careful thought and commitment. We need to know what Jesus expects from us.

Chapter 15

15:1-7 A parable of lost sheep aimed at teaching Jesus came to save the lost. There is rejoicing when there is repentance.

15:8-10 The same lesson but with a woman and a coin.

15:11-20 Parable of the Prodigal Son. The youngest son asks for inheritance and wastes it. He has to go back to his father.

15:21-27 The father saw him coming, just as God sees us and throws a celebration.

15:28-32 The older brothers reaction is like that of the Pharisees, appalled that Jesus associated with "Sinners". We should not be this way but should celebrate also. It's never too late to come back to God.

Chapter 16

16:1-9 Parable of Shrewd Manager. We should use what we have on earth to help those in need and gain Spiritual benefits from it

16:10-12 Jesus applies being wise with our earthly wealth to being rich with spiritual wealth.

16:13-15 Either Serve Good or riches. Can't do both.

16:16-18 These may seem out of place but Jesus confirms his ministry as the fulfillment of the law. The law of divorce makes clear the law still has some authority

16:19-31 Rich man and Lazarus. Lazarus to Abraham's side, Rich man to hades. No crossing. A message of warning to those still alive to listen.

Chapter 17

17:1-4 These little commands on causing sin and forgiving are part of the high level of service Jesus calls us to.

17:5-10 Jesus says that our faith has to do more for us than what is commanded.

17:11-19 Ten men with Leprosy were healed but only the Samaritan returned to give thanks. His faith is what helped heal him.

17:20 - 37 People will not see God's kingdom as they thought it would happen. The Kingdom rules in our hearts, not an earthly Kingdom. Jesus then describes the day that he is revealed and no one will see it coming. The little proverb at the end about vultures pertains to the signs of the events. They will know it's the day just as vultures gather over a dead body.

Chapter 18

18:1-8 Luke tells us the parable is about prayer and persisting in prayer to God.

18:9-14 Now Luke turns to those who were prideful in the parable of tax collector and Pharisee.

18:15-17 Jesus proclaims that treating faith children have, we should also have. We should receive him with joy; openness, and trust

18:18-30 The rich ruler knew the commands and obeyed them but he neglected justice and sharing of wealth. Worldly wealth can get in the way of God. Those who give things up and trust will be rewarded.

18:31-34 Jesus' third prediction of his own death. He tells them that everything in the prophets about him will be fulfilled.

18:35-43 Jesus heals a blind man. The man had faith, which is what allowed the healing.

Chapter 19

19:1-8 Zacchaeus was a short tax collector who climbed a tree to see Jesus. Jesus saw him and called to him saying he would stay at his house. Zacchaeus had changed and was being generous.

19:9-10 Even though he was rejected by Jews, Jesus tells Zacchaeus that he is a child of Abraham just like them. verse 10 is a common theme in Luke and gives a purpose for his coming.

19:11-27 The parable of the ten minas is a warning to those then and now. What will we do while we wait for Jesus? Luke says this parable was given because they thought the Kingdom

was coming now. Jesus puts a question in front of them of whether or not they have done as they have been told.

19:28- 44 Jesus enters Jerusalem. The climax of the Story. Jesus enters being praised as King while he pronounces judgment on the city. "God's coming to you". Jesus came to them.

19:45-48 Jesus enters the temple driving out the evil there and the evil plots to kill him.

Chapter 20

20:1-8 The leaders question Jesus' authority. Jesus flips it on them asking if John's baptism was from God or man. Either answer trapped them so they refused to answer. Jesus refused to answer them.

20:9-19 The parable of the tenants accuses the leaders of persecuting the prophets and how Jesus, the Son of God and judgment is coming on them

20: 20- 26 They now try to trap Jesus to arrest him. By asking him about taxes. Jesus would be trapped. However the answer he gave silenced them.

20:27-33 The Sadducees come up with a wild Scenario about resurrection and Marriage.

20:34-40 Jesus tells them there will be no marriage at the resurrection and there will be a resurrection since God is God of the living. The questions stop.

20: 41-44 Jesus offers them a challenge. Psalm 110, David calls Jesus Lord. If he's David's son, why call him Lord? He is the Son of David through descent, however the Pharisees refused to believe Jesus was divine from God. He has to be since David says "Lord"- a divine title.

20:45-47 Jesus' warning against the arrogant and prideful teachers.

Chapter 21

21:1- 4 The woman gave more because her heart was more true than the rich.

21:5-7 The disciples ask about when the temple will be destroyed and what signs will there be that it's happening.

21: 8-33, Jesus, tells them when and the signs that the temple will be destroyed as it was in 70 A.D. Jesus puts a time stamp on all of the events of that generation.

21:34-38 Jesus warns them to watch and be ready and pray they can escape. If this was the second coming, there would be no escaping.

Chapter 22

22:1-4 Judas agrees to betray Jesus in exchange for money. Jesus had just warned them to watch for him, now Judas is watching for evil.

22:7-13 Preparations were made for them to eat the passover meal. A man carrying a jar of water was unusual but noticeable.

22:14-16 This would be Jesus' last Passover until after he became the Passover lamb.

22:17-23 Jesus offers the bread and cup as his body and blood of the new covenant. A statement is given for the betrayer Judas.

22:24-30 Jesus indicates they must serve just as he serves and so they will be part of the Kingdom who judge Israel.

22:31-38 Jesus warns them the time of fulfillment is coming. They should be ready.

22: 39-46 The disciples follow Jesus to the Mount of Olives. He asks that God's will be done. An angel strengthened him. He wants the disciples to pray and be alert.

22: 47-53 Judas came to betray him and they struck a servant with a sword. Jesus claims this period of time as darkness reigning.

22:54-62 Peter disowns Jesus three times bringing back the memory of what Jesus said to him when he looked at him.

22:63-71 They mocked Jesus and brought him before the leaders and he claims that he is the Son of God and will be seated next to Yahweh.

Chapter 23

23: 1- 4 They bring him to Pilate and give false charges - taxes and that he is a King. Jesus is a King but not in the earthly sense. Pilate finds no charge.

23:5-7 They Kept Pushing and Pilate sent him to Herod.

23:8-12 Herod Mocked Jesus and sent him back. Interestingly Herod and Pilate become friends.

23:13-25 Pilate wanted to release him but the people were ignorant. He tried 3 times but they would not give in. He released Barabbas and gave Jesus to their will- evil will

23:26-31 Simon carries the cross and Jesus speaks to the women. He quotes Hosea 10:8

about the fall of Jerusalem that is coming. The men do this now with Jesus here, it will be worse when he is not here : v.31.

23:32-43 Jesus is crucified with two criminals, one who accepted him; one who did not. The leaders and soldiers mock him. The man who accepted Jesus even on a cross seemed to be saved.

23:44-49 There was darkness and the curtain of the temple tore, symbolizing the end of the old covenant. The centurion realized who Jesus was and Luke mentions the women who followed him were watching.

23:50-56 A man named Joseph asks for his body and places him in a tomb. Preparation Day is Friday. The women follow to know where Jesus is buried.

Chapter 24

24:1-8 The woman came to the tomb Sunday morning and it was empty. Two men appeared and told them he had risen and quoted Jesus.

24:9-12 The women told the disciples what they had seen but they did not believe them. Then Peter went to the tomb to check it out.

24:13-27 Two disciples were going to Emmaus and they were telling Jesus all that had happened. Then he explained to them the Scriptures about himself.

24:28-35 They recognized him when he broke bread then disappeared. Then they went and told the others.

24:36-43 Jesus appeared among the disciples to prove to them he was really alive. He asked for food and he ate.

24: 44-45 The entire Of points to Jesus and he fulfilled them. He opens their mind to the understanding of Scripture.

24:46-53 Jesus suffered, died, and rose again. Repentance and forgiveness is preached and the Spirit will be given to them. Jesus ascended and they had joy.