

# ***Luke***

***“In favor with God and men”***

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# *Key Words & Phrases*

- **Kingdom** (46 times)
  - 1:33 → Is. 9:7; 12:31-32; 23:42
- **Kingdom of God** (32 times)
  - 4:43; 8:1; 9:2, 11, 27, 60, 62; 17:20-21; 21:31
- **Blessed** (29 times) [3 different Greek words]
  - 2 from the same root words—favored/praised
  - 1 meaning blessed [blessed-woe (6:20-26)]
- **Son of Man** (26 times)
  - 9:22, 26, 44, 56, 58; 18:8; 19:10

# *Theme*

- The Perfection of Jesus—The Perfect Person
  - 2:52
    - Mentally, physically, spiritually and socially
- Luke traces the human growth of Jesus as the fruit of the womb (1:42), the baby (2:16), the child (2:27) and the man (23:6)
- Jesus is the Messiah, the ruler of an everlasting spiritual kingdom (1:31-33)

# *Date*

- Luke was with Paul on his second evangelistic tour (Acts 16:10-16) and remained in Philippi where he joined Paul again on his return from the third tour (Acts 20:1-6)
- He went with Paul to Jerusalem, remained with him during his imprisonment in Caesarea and accompanied him to Rome (Acts 20:7-28:31)
- Luke may have written his account ~AD 58-60 while he was with Paul in Caesarea

# ***Characteristics of Luke***

- Great beauty, accuracy and precise detail
  - Highest literary style, using the best and most beautiful Greek of the four accounts
    - 55 words occurring nowhere else in the NT
  - Numerous references to contemporary history
  - Identification of important events and names
    - Members of the Herodian family
    - The emperors Augustus and Tiberius
    - Census under Quirinius—Syrian governor

# ***Characteristics of Luke***

- Medical terminology
  - 4:23 (physician; heal, *therapeuson*)
  - 4:35 (thrown: *convulsive fits*; harm: *injury*)
    - Luke alone records that no permanent bodily injury was done to the man
  - 4:38-39—only Luke records the method of healing: “rebuked the fever”
  - 4:40—Luke alone tells the mode of cure
  - 10:30-35—Good Samaritan—only in Luke

# ***Characteristics of Luke***

- Medical terminology (continued)
  - 9:38 (look on my son; cf. Mt. 17:15; Mk. 9:17)
    - To look into a sick person's state & condition
  - 18:25 (the eye of a needle)
    - The puncture made by a surgical needle
      - Thus, the impossibility of a camel entering into the tiny hole made by a needle

# ***Characteristics of Luke***

- Detailed biography of Christ
  - Events leading up to Jesus' birth, his birth, childhood and youth (2:1-52)
  - Details only in Luke:
    - Miraculous catch of fish (5:1-11)
    - Raising of the widow's son (7:11-17)
    - Ten lepers (17:12)
    - Jesus weeping over Jerusalem (19:41)

# ***Characteristics of Luke***

- Details only in Luke (continued):
  - Healing Malchus' ear (22:51)
    - Matthew (26:51) & John (18:10) mention cutting off his ear, not the healing
  - Jesus' trial before Herod (23:6-12)
  - The penitent thief (23:40)
  - His appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus (24:13-35)

# ***Characteristics of Luke***

- An account of praise and thankfulness
  - Mary (1:46-55)
  - Zacharias/Zechariah (1:67-79)
  - The heavenly host (2:13-14)
  - The shepherds (2:20)
  - Simeon (2:25-35)
  - Anna (2:36-38)
  - The people (5:26; 7:16)
  - The centurion at the cross (23:47)

# ***Characteristics of Luke***

- An account of prayer
  - Christ's prayer at his immersion (3:21)
  - Frequent, private prayer (5:16)
  - All night before choosing the 12 (6:12)
  - At his transfiguration (9:28-29)
  - Before teaching the disciples to pray (11:1)
  - Prayer for Peter (22:32)
  - In the garden (22:41-46)
  - As he was dying (23:46)

# ***Characteristics of Luke***

- Three parables on prayer only in Luke
  - The friend at midnight (11:5-13)
  - The unjust judge (18:1-8)
  - The Pharisee and tax collector (18:9-14)

# ***Teaching in the Synagogues***

- #1—Galilee (4:14-15)
- #2—Nazareth (4:16)
  - Speaking well of him (“bore witness to him”) (v. 22)
  - Filled with rage (v. 28)
- #3—Capernaum (4:31, 33)
- #4—Judea (4:44)
- #5—Man with withered hand (6:6)
- #6—Woman bent double (13:10-11)

# *Verses to Remember*

- 1:6
- 2:49, 52
- 3:6
- 4:4,8,12,10-11 → Deut. 8:3; 6:13,16; Ps. 91:11-12
- 4:43-44
- 5:5-8
- 6:27-28 → Rom. 12:14, 20-21
- 6:46 → Mt. 7:21

# *Verses to Remember*

- 7:1-10, 29-30
- 8:11
- 9:23, 62
- 10:20, 37, 38-42
- 11:42-54
  - Woes & Response: Terribly angry, lying in wait to catch him in his words—20:20
- 12:15, 20-21, 34

# *Verses to Remember*

- 13:3, 5, 24 (Mt. 7:13—narrow gate & narrow door)
- 13:31-34—Herod like a fox; Jesus like a hen
- 14:1 (11:54; 20:20), 18, 28, 33
- 15:2—Reason for the parable of the older son
- 16:14—Reason for Rich Man & Lazarus
- 16:18—Mt. 19:9; Mk. 10:11-12; Rom. 7:1-3; 1 Cor. 7
- 16:22-23—Hades (10:15)—Tartarus (2 Pet. 2:4)
  - Mt. 16:18; Acts 2:27, 31 (grave)

# *Verses to Remember*

- 17:3-4—Forgiveness not unconditional but unlimited
- 18:23-24—1 Tim. 6:10
- 19:7-10
- 20:20, 26
- 21:20 (19:43; Mt. 24:15; Mk. 13:14; Dan. 11:31; 12:11)
  - Antiochus Epiphanes set up the abomination of desolation (an idol altar) upon the altar of God (1 Macc. 1:54, 59)

# *Verses to Remember*

- 21:37-38
- 22:17, 20—Cup divided among disciples
  - Unknown details: distribution and exactly how the disciples divided the bread and cup
  - The cup they were to divide was divided (Lk. 22:17)
  - The cup is the fruit of the vine (Lk. 22:18)
  - After the bread (Lk. 22:19) they drank that same cup (Lk. 22:20)

# *Verses to Remember*

- This appears to be the flow of thought in the passage from Lk. 22:17-20, as I believe the Greeks, to whom Luke writes, initially read it
- The metonymy applied to the cup is that it is the fruit of the vine, not the physical cup itself
- Jesus uses "the cup" (the same Gk. phrase in Lk. 22:20) similarly in the same chapter: "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done" (Lk. 22:42)
  - Jesus is not referring to a physical cup in Lk. 22:42

# *Verses to Remember*

- We can understand what God wants us to understand from the Book of Luke alone concerning this matter, is my personal belief
  - Luke, having been carefully acquainted with all things, wrote with method (Lk. 1:3)
  - The Greeks, were able to understand clearly without having to read the other accounts
  - Many seem to believe we cannot understand God's truth on the matter from Luke alone
    - I know of no evidence that suggests that the Jews, Romans and Greeks had to have one or both of the other accounts at the same time to know God's truth for their lives

# *Verses to Remember*

- 23:26-27
  - Simon, a Cyrenian, was forced to bear the cross and follow Jesus
  - To the women who tearfully followed, Jesus meant more than all the world
  - How do we follow Jesus?
    - Out of a sense of “I have to”?
    - Or because “I want to”?
  - What does Jesus mean to us?

# *Verses to Remember*

- 24:44-48
  - Scriptures concerning Christ:
    - Fulfilled (44)
    - Explained (45-46)
    - To be proclaimed (47)
  - Who are witnesses (48)?

# ***Outline***

- Ch. 1: Angels announce two births; John is born; Zacharias prophecies
- Ch. 2: Jesus' birth, dedication, and first 12 years
- Ch. 3: John immerses Jesus; Jesus' genealogy
- Ch. 4: Jesus' temptation; power of the Holy Spirit; Jesus' public ministry
- Ch. 5: Catching men; healing sick; Levi
- Ch. 6: Jesus calls the twelve; teaches multitude
- Ch. 7: The centurion's faith; John's question

# ***Outline***

Ch. 8: The soils; storm & faith; demons & pigs;  
Jairus' daughter & hemorrhaging woman

Ch. 9: Jesus sends the 12; feeds 5,000;  
transfiguration; demons; disciples

Ch. 10: Jesus sends the 70 (Mk. 6:7); the good  
Samaritan; Mary & Martha

Ch. 11: The model prayer; kingdom divided;  
sign of Jonah

Ch. 12: Leaven of Pharisees; sparrows; rich fool;  
don't worry; ready stewards

# ***Outline***

- Ch. 13: Repent; fig tree; mustard seed; leaven
- Ch. 14: Sabbath; parables: guests & big dinner
- Ch. 15: Lost sheep; lost coin; lost sons
- Ch. 16: Unjust steward; rich man & Lazarus
- Ch. 17: Stumbling blocks; ten lepers; days of Noah
- Ch. 18: Persistent prayer; Pharisee & tax collector; children; young ruler; Jesus predicts his death a third time

# ***Outline***

- Ch. 19: Zaccheus; the nobleman's long journey; Jesus enters Jerusalem
- Ch. 20: Religious leaders challenge Jesus' authority; wicked vine growers; Caesar; resurrection; David's descendant
- Ch. 21: The widow's mites; destruction of the temple and Jerusalem; tribulation (vv. 11-12, 25-26); this generation (v. 32)
- Ch. 22: Passover; Lord's Supper; prayer in garden; betrayed; arrested; denied; tried

# ***Outline***

Ch. 23: Trials: Pilate & Herod; crucifixion, death; burial

Ch. 24: Resurrection; road to Emmaus; appears to disciples; ascension

# ***Memory Verse Review*** ***(Haggai—Mark)***

- Hag. 1:7—“Thus says...”
- Zech. 6:12b—“Behold...”
- Mal. 4:2—“To you...”
- Mt. 5:17—“Do not think...”
- Mk. 7:37b

# ***Memory Verse for Luke***

2:52

“And Jesus increased in wisdom  
and stature,  
and in favor with God and men”