

# Luke – 24 Chapters

## Title:

The Gospel according to Luke, named after its author. Not the Gospel of Luke, but the Gospel according to Luke. Luke's Gospel is the first volume of a two part work, continued in Acts.

## Author:

Written by Luke, a doctor who was a travelling companion of Paul. Luke was a well-educated Gentile (native of Antioch). He has proven to be an excellent historian.

## Occasion and Purpose:

According to 1:1-4 Luke carefully investigated the story of Jesus from eyewitnesses. His stated purpose is to give an orderly account so that the reader may know the certainty of the things that he had been taught. Because the sequel – book of Acts ends with Paul awaiting trial in Rome, Luke-Acts may have been prepared to explain and defend the legitimacy of Christianity and Paul's ministry as an extension of Christ's.

## Themes:

1. **The reality and ministry of the Holy Spirit** – God is present in the earthly life of Jesus (empowering, leading, etc.). By implication, disciples are to expect and experience God's presence and power through His Holy Spirit.
2. **Salvation** – Jesus is highlighted as the One Who brings salvation. This salvation is explained in terms that would make sense to Gentile readers, so the idea of Messiah is not as prominent. Salvation is from every evil and harm, but primarily from the greatest threat, which is alienation from God because of sin.
3. **Universal scope of Salvation** – Salvation is for all strata of humanity. The 'underdogs' of society, the poor, women, oppressed, prisoners, blind, Gentiles, the lost, notorious sinners, etc. are highlighted as being recipients of salvation. Salvation is not dependent on social standing. In Acts, this theme is broadened to include all nations.
4. **Prayer and Praise** – Jesus models prayer. He prays consistently, demonstrating His connection and dependence on God, which should be imitated by His disciples. There is joy and praise throughout the Gospel. Wherever Jesus ministers, people respond with rejoicing and praise to God

## Summary:

Jesus brings salvation to the lost. Those who recognize their need will find in Jesus the power of God to bring the fullness of salvation, which is the outworking of God's cosmic purpose.

## Organization:

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| <b>1:1-4 Purpose Statement</b>  |   |
| <b>1:5-2:52 Preparation</b>   |   |
|   | 1:5-80 Two births foretold and the forerunner born<br>2:1-21 Jesus is born and proclaimed/recognized as Christ the Lord<br>2:41-52 Jesus comes of age in the teaching of the Torah  |
| <b>3:1-9:50 Ministry in Galilee</b>                                   |   |
|   | <b>3:1-4:13 Introduction of Jesus' ministry</b><br><b>4:14-44 Proclamation, reception and demonstration of the Kingdom Salvation</b><br><b>5:1-11 Calling of the First disciples</b><br><b>5:12-6:11 Jesus demonstrates the continuity/discontinuity with the Old Covenant</b><br><b>6:12-16 Jesus calls the 12 disciples</b><br><b>6:17-8:18 Jesus demonstrates and teaches the reality of the Kingdom</b><br><b>8:19-21 Jesus' family is those who hear God's Word and obey</b><br><b>8:22-56 Jesus demonstrates His Lordly power</b><br><b>9:1-6 Jesus sends out the 12 disciples</b><br><b>9:7-50 Jesus reveals to the disciples that He is the Messiah</b> |
| <b>9:51-19:27 Road to Jerusalem</b>                                   |   |
|   | 9:51-10:41 The Mission of Jesus demonstrated and explained<br>11:1-14:24 The Kingdom contrasted with other priorities & religions<br>14:25-19:27 The high cost and priority of the Kingdom  |
| <b>19:28-23:56 Passion week</b>                                       |   |
|   | 19:28-48 Triumphal Entry<br>20:1-21:4 Controversy in the Temple<br>21:5-38 Olivet Discourse<br>22:1-46 Preparation for the Passion<br>22:47-23:25 Arrest and Trial of Jesus<br>23:26-56 Crucifixion, Death and Burial   |
| <b>24:1-53 Resurrection and Preparation for Sending the Disciples</b> |   |
|   | 24:1-12 The empty tomb<br>24:13-35 Revealed on the Road to Emmaus<br>24:36-43 Revealed in the Upper Room<br>24:44-49 Commission to the Disciples<br>24:50-53 The Ascension  |

## Key Verses:

1:1-4, 30-35; 2:10-14, 29-32; 4:14-21; 5:29-32; 9:28-31; 10:25-37; 13:1-9; 15:1-32;  
18:9-14; 19:10; 23:33-34; 23:39-43; 24:25-27, 44-49