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## *The Gospel of Luke*

The Gospel of Luke is a beautiful, orderly compilation of the words and works of Christ and details what Christ came to do for us and what He has to say to us and the world. This is all foundational before we can truly do anything for the world, and it explains the beginning and source of the Christian life. Luke and the other three Gospels are the important foundation of the book of Acts.

*Acts 1:1-3 "In the first book, O Theophilus, I [Luke] have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen. He presented Himself alive to them after His suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God."*

*Luke 1:1-4 "Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught."*

**Key Verse:** *Luke 19:10 "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."*

**Key Purpose:** to proclaim and testify to Christ and His work.

- ♦ The role of the synoptic Gospels is to look at all Christ did and said from multiple vantage points. Christ is seen ministering to the people in the lowest need: the sick, the sinners, and the outcasts.
- ♦ Luke's purpose was to make sure all was *certain* about the Gospel and write it down to be transmitted broadly.
- ♦ Luke introduces the names of the Lord and discloses the Trinity is at work: Christ is man in nature, yet fully God.

**Key Name:** Son of Man.

**Key Theme:** God's care for people who were seen as insignificant.

*Luke 5:30-32 "And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at His disciples, saying, 'Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?' And Jesus answered them, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.'"*

*Luke 7:22 "And He [Christ] answered them, 'Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them.'"*

*Luke 10:21 "In that same hour He rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, 'I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was Your gracious will.'"*

*Luke 14:10-12 "But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all the*

*other guests. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’ So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.’”*

*Luke 8:50 “Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, ‘Don’t be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed.’” NIV*

### **Jesus connects the meaning of the healings to the power to forgive sin and the need to have faith.**

*Luke 5:24 “‘But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins’—He said to the man who was paralyzed—‘I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home.’”*

📖 Hebrews 2:14,17

Christ overturned the work of Adam: Romans 5:19—by *one act* will the many be made righteous.

### **Each act of healing was a deposit on the eternal work Christ came to do.**

- ♦ The work of Christ, the Gospel, is what we build with.

*Romans 1:16 “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.”*

- ♦ Luke’s ministry and vantage: a detailed doctor who recognizes the Great Physician. He does His work of transformation for us by His own death.

↳ There are key scriptures included in Luke’s Gospel that are not in the other Gospels: infancy, parables, sermon, prayers, words on the cross, ascension.

- ♦ Luke includes the work and nature of Christ, His acts, the work and power of the Holy Spirit:

↳ Jesus is filled with the Holy Spirit: Our Head (Luke) The Body (Acts).

*Luke 4:1-2a “And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil.”*

*Acts 7:55 “But he [Stephen], full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.”*

*Luke 10:21 “In that same hour He rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, ‘I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was Your gracious will.’”*

- Be and see ourselves first as recipients of the Gospel before we can be ministers of it.

### **The Good Samaritan: *The Parable of the Good Samaritan Illustrates the Work of Christ***

*Luke 10:25-37* <sup>25</sup>And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup>He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” <sup>27</sup>And he answered, “**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.**” <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; **do this, and you will live.**” <sup>29</sup>But he, desiring to **justify himself**, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” <sup>30</sup>

Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he **fell** among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him **half dead**.<sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side.<sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.<sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, **came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion**.<sup>34</sup> **He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him**.<sup>35</sup> And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘**Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back**.’<sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?”<sup>37</sup> He said, “**The one who showed him mercy**.” And Jesus said to him, “**You go, and do likewise**.”

Endnotes:

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