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## Study Outline

### *Background: Historical & Authorship*

Luke was a gentile who came to Jesus after His ascension. As a doctor, Luke was an educated man who set out to record the life of Jesus from a historical perspective. (He also wrote the book of Acts contributing more text to the NT than anyone else.) To accomplish this aim, Luke's account was compiled using the eyewitness accounts of those present when the events unfolded. Luke accompanied Paul on the 2nd and 3rd missionary journeys (Acts 16:10) where he served as Paul's physician and trusted friend (Colossians 4:14, 2 Timothy 4:11).

**Main Point:** As the longest Gospel, Luke wrote with the intention of presenting a historical record of Jesus' life and ministry. Luke focuses an equal amount of time on Jesus' physical and teaching ministries. Though an overlap with the Gospel's of Matthew and Mark is undeniable, Luke contains 41 unique passages (20 miracles and 18 parables). As a gentile intellectual, Luke wrote to the Greek mind by presenting Jesus as the ultimate Man. Since the 4th century the Greeks had unsuccessfully attempted to remedy human frailty through their pursuit of the perfect man. Plato saw perfection in the eternal and thus unattainable for mankind. Aristotle reasoned man could only achieve perfection if he acted perfectly. Luke presents Jesus as the ultimate man. He's perfect in His eternal nature apart from humanity (Platonian), but he's also perfect in the reality He lived a sinless life (Aristotelean).

**Key Verse:** Luke 19:9-10, "Today salvation has come to this house... for the Son of Man has come to seek and save that which was lost."

## OUTLINE: GOSPEL OF LUKE

### THE SON OF MAN: FROM HEAVEN TO EARTH

CH 1:1-80	INTRODUCTION & ANNOUNCEMENT
CH 2:1-20	MIRACULOUS BIRTH
CH 2:21-52	CHILDHOOD & YOUTH
CH 3:1-4:13	BAPTISM & PREPARATION

### THE SON OF MAN: MINISTRY IN GALILEE

CH 4:14-30	DECLARATION OF INTENTION
CH 4:31-5:26	PROVES HIS POWER AND AUTHORITY
CH 5:27-6:49	EXPLAINS THE PURPOSE OF HIS MINISTRY
CH 7:1-9:50	EXPANDS THE REACH OF HIS MINISTRY

### THE SON OF MAN: JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM

CH 9:51-11:54	INCREASING OPPOSITION
CH 12-16	TEACHING AND HEALING
CH 17:1-19:27	INSTRUCTION TO HIS DISCIPLES

### THE SON OF MAN: MINISTRY IN JERUSALEM

CH 19:28-21:38	ARRIVAL AND TEACHING
CH 22-23	PASSION AND DEATH
CH 24	RESURRECTION AND ASCENSION



### *Day 1: Virgin Mother....*

**Luke 1:26-38 // THINKING POINTS:** (1). What kind of impact would the "virgin birth" have in Mary's life? In what way would her life change forever? (2). Though Mary knew her life with Jesus would carry with it many obvious challenges, in what way can you be encouraged by her reaction? (3). How has Jesus' birth in you changed your life forever?

### *Day 2: Land Pirates....*

**Luke 2:8-20 // THINKING POINTS:** (1). Why is it so incredible that God would announce the arrival of the awaited King to a group of shepherds? (2). What does this tell you about the nature of Jesus and the purpose of His coming? (3). What was the by-product of the shepherd's experience with the newborn Christ?

### *Day 3: Middle School....*

**Luke 2:41-50 // THINKING POINTS:** (1). Of all the stories that could have been included from Jesus' childhood and adolescents, why is this the story included in Scripture? (2). What do we learn about a young Jesus from this passage? (3). If church played a vital role in Jesus' development, do you think it should be a priority for you? Is it?

### *Day 4: Sermon on the Plain....*

**Luke 6:20-49 // THINKING POINTS:** (1). In this sermon Jesus addresses our attitudes towards what four things? (2). How are we able to fulfill the ideals and commands listed out in this sermon? (3). How has your relationship with Jesus transformed the way you handle circumstances, treat others, view yourself, and interact with God?

### *Day 5: Praying 101....*

**Luke 11:1-13 // THINKING POINTS:** (1). What basic realities concerning prayer are revealed in Jesus' model? (2). How does this model challenge several common misconception concerning prayer? (3). Why do you think Jesus commanded us to be persistent when we approach Him in prayer?

### *Day 6: The Prodigal....*

**Luke 15:11-32 // THINKING POINT:** (1). What do you learn concerning the three characters presented in this parable: father, prodigal son, other son. (2). In what way does this story present a picture of God's grace displayed towards you? How has God demonstrated His grace towards you? (3). Why does the other son harbor so much resentment towards his father and brother?

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