SERIES: Luke

Introduction to Luke

Luke 1:1-4

Primary Information for Starters…

- Written…
  - By Luke, a Gentile physician, historian, and traveling companion of _____.
  - In the early 60s AD.
  - To Theophilus, primarily for _____ Christians.
- Primary theme: Jesus is the perfect "Son of Man" who brings _____ to both Jews and Gentiles.
- Key verses: 1:1-4; 15; 19:10 (theme verse).

Practical Advice for Study…

- See how the overall structure works leads geographically toward _____:
  - Introduction of the Son of Man (1-4:13)
  - The Son of Man in Galilee (4:14-9:50)
  - The Son of Man in Judea (9:51-13:21)
  - The Son of Man in Perea (13:22-19:27)
  - The Son of Man in Jerusalem (19:28-24:53)
- Notice the emphasis on the Gospel as "good news for the poor" and the need for followers of Christ to honor Christ with their _____ (3:10-14; 12:13-21; 16:1-13; 16:19-31; 19:1-10).
- Make notes each time you see prayer and/or the Holy Spirit mentioned.

Why Does Luke Write His Gospel? (1:1-4)

- We have a _____ faith.
- We have a _____ faith.
- We have a verifiable faith.
  - Christianity can be _____.
  - Christianity can be _____.
- We have a _____ faith.

Six Major Themes of the Gospel of Luke

- The ministry of the _____
- The importance of _____
- The joyful _____ of God's people
- God's initiative to _____ his people.
- Jesus' love for _____.
  - _____
  - _____
  - _____
  - _____
- The _____ and _____ of Jesus

*"Luke the **historian** will make you certain about the Gospel. Luke the **theologian** will touch you with God's love and grace. Luke the **physician** will help you to love people. Luke the **musician** will set your heart to singing."*

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Practical Advice for Study…

- See how the overall structure works leads geographically toward **Jerusalem**:
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Why Does Luke Write His Gospel? (1:1-4)

- We have a **biblical** faith.
- We have a **historical** faith.
- We have a verifiable faith.
    - Christianity can be **tested**.
    - Christianity can be **trusted**.
- We have a **certain** faith.

Six Major Themes of the Gospel of Luke

- The ministry of the **Holy Spirit**
- The importance of **prayer**
- The joyful **praise** of God's people
- God's initiative to **save** his people.
- Jesus' love for **outsiders**.
    - **Women**
    - **Children**
    - **Sinners**
    - **Foreigners**
- The **cross** and **resurrection** of Jesus

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