

**13096-E November 20, 2013****Luke's Gospel****I. Luke, the Book:**

- a. Luke's gospel is the largest of the four Gospel accounts. The Gospel is 1,151 verses, and 568 of those verses are simply the words of Jesus. Almost 50% of the Gospel is Luke simply recording what Jesus said.
- b. Luke's Gospel is part one of a two volume set. The Book of Acts is the second part of Luke's original work. These two books were written as one volume and it wasn't until late first century or early second century that they were split up.
- c. Luke's Gospel was written around 62 or 63AD, so around 30 years after Christ's resurrection and ascension.
- d. Luke's Gospel is a compilation of written reports (probably Mark's Gospel) and eye witnesses accounts.

**II. Luke, the Man.**

- a. ***He's a Gentile:*** Luke was a gentile writing to a predominately Greek audience, most of whom had limited interest in and knowledge of the Old Testament, therefore, Luke didn't need to refer to a lot of Old Testament predictions (less than 10 Old Testament prophecies cited)
- b. ***He's a Doctor:*** The Apostle Paul writes in Colossians 4, "Luke, the beloved physical greets you."
- c. ***He's a Great Example:*** Luke used his education and intellect to serve Jesus. He's a great example for people who are intellectually gifted, and academically capable of using their gifts for the Kingdom of God and the spread of the Gospel.

### III. Luke Presents Jesus as the Gracious, Savior King

#### a. The King's Birth Is Announced: Chapters 1 & 2

- i. By Gabriel to Mary, the virgin (1:26-38)
- ii. By an Angel to Shepherds (2:8-20): This is joyous news that is for all people because this Child inaugurates the beginning of the end for evil and death...God has entered into the material universe and He will rescue it, redeem it and rule it forever!
- iii. This Child born to Mary is described as a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.
  1. Savior=Rescuer.
  2. Christ=Anointed One.
  3. Lord=Sovereign, ultimate authority.
- iv. This Announcement Reveals Two Things We Need to Grasp:
  1. *It Reveals the Depth of Our Brokenness:* If you had the capacity to change your heart, Jesus would not have needed to come and live, die and rise again. Our sin dilemma was so powerful and pervasive that ideas and techniques couldn't free us. Our dilemma necessitated a Rescuer! Our rebellion is so deep and our inability so comprehensive that the only way we can be saved is if God Himself enters into humanity and rescues us.
  2. *It Reveals the Depth of God's Love:* The Good News that is great joy for all people is that a Child was born, who will rescue us. He

will rescue us from our brokenness by He Himself being broken in our place.

**b. The King's Reign Is Declared:**

**Chapters 3-8**

- i. *Luke 4:14-21*:** Jesus quotes Isaiah 61, which tells what the future King in God's Kingdom would do and then says, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."
- ii.** The healings are glimpses into what life in the Kingdom will look like (no sicknesses, no infirmities, no death)! Chapters 4-6
- iii.** He forgives sins based on His own authority. Chapter 7

**c. The King's Identity Is Revealed & Confirmed: Chapters 9-13**

- i.** The King's Identity is Revealed. 9:7-27
- ii.** The King's Identity is Confirmed. 9:28-36
- iii.** The King's Message is Sent Out 10:1-24
- iv.** The King's Instruction is Given chps.11-13

**d. The King's Mission Is Highlighted:**

**Chapter 14-19**

- i.** His Mission is to seek and save the lost chapter 15
  - 1.** Lost Sheep
  - 2.** Lost Coins
  - 3.** Lost Brothers
- ii.** The Stunning Salvation of Zacchaues chapter 19
  - 1.** Tax Collector=Most despised person in Jewish culture
  - 2.** Table Fellowship=Love and Acceptance

3. Jesus loves and acceptance even the worst of us and this love transforms us to our core, as it did Zacchaeus. He goes from being the most despised and hated man in his culture to being loved and accepted, chosen and forgiven, valued and empowered by the King of the Universe

**e. The King's Enemy is Conquered: Chapters 19-23**

- i. Triumphal Entry and Temple Cleansing 19:28-48
- ii. Passion Week Begins
- iii. Promise of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming 21:5-37
- iv. Promise of a Future Feast in the Coming Kingdom 22:1-23
- v. The King's Cross: Death followed by Resurrection chps. 23 & 24
  1. Through His death and resurrection, He has conquered His enemy and liberated His people.
  2. Col. 1:13-14: "He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the Kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins"

**f. The King's Reign Continues: Chapter 24 & Acts**

- g. Read chapter 24:44-49:** As the Resurrected King His Reign Continues,
- i. To all the nations (47),
  - ii. Through His people (49),
  - iii. Under the direction of His Spirit (49),
  - iv. Proclaiming His message of repentance and forgiveness of sins (47)
- h. Do we see this? Yes!**

