

The Gospel of Luke

Wednesday, October 19th

1. Luke never promoted himself.

The New Testament mentions Luke only three times (Colossians 4:14; Philemon 24; 2 Timothy 4:11). Even though Luke wrote more Scripture (Luke/Acts) in the NT than anyone, he never mentions himself.

2. Luke exalts Christ as the Perfect Man who came to seek and save the lost (19:10).

The title of this Gospel is “According to Luke.” Luke the physician was chosen by the Holy Spirit to present Christ as the Perfect Man. Luke traces Jesus’ genealogy back to Adam (3:23-38).

3. Luke was a Gentile writing to a Gentile (Colossians 4:10-14) about a universal gospel for all people.

Luke explained Jewish locations (4:31). Luke gives only five direct fulfillments of Scriptures. Matthew gave 50 direct fulfillments.

1. Luke was a Missionary/Companion of Paul

A. The author of Acts is the same as the Luke (Acts 1:1; Luke 1:1-4).

B. The author of Acts was a personal companion of Paul. Luke wrote the “we” sections in Acts (16:10-17; 20:5-21:18; 27:1-28:16).

2. Luke was a Historian (Luke 1:1-4). The Gospel of Jesus Christ rests on firm historical facts.

A. The Births of John and Jesus (1:5-2:52)

B. The Preparation of Jesus’ Ministry (3:1-4:13)

C. The Ministry of Jesus in Galilee (4:14-9:50)

1. Jesus has had a ministry in Judea (John 1-4)

2. Jesus’ ministry is summarized in 4:14-30

D. The Journey of Jesus to Jerusalem (9:51-19:27) (Characterized by rejection)

E. The Ministry of Jesus in Jerusalem (19:28-21:38)

F. The Death, Burial, Resurrection of Jesus (22-24)

3. Luke was a Soulwinner (Luke 1:3)

A. Luke emphasized a ministry to shepherds, Samaritans, women, prodigals, and publicans

B. Luke emphasized forgiveness and repentance (23:24; 24:47)

C. Luke emphasized Hell (16:19-31)

D. Luke emphasized joy (2:10; 15:7, 10, 23)