

As you read each passage, you may want to consider one or more of the following questions:

- Why would Luke include this in his gospel?
- How might Luke's original audience hear and interpret this passage?
- How do 2000 years and the perspectives and values of our western culture affect how we hear and interpret this passage?
- What truths/principles are taught in this passage?
- Do our privileged lifestyles prevent us from living out the truths/principles taught in this passage?

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THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Of the sixty-six books in the Bible, no writings are more important than the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. While all four gospels tell some of the same stories, the gospels are like interviewing four different relatives about their perspective of Grandfather. While each relative will repeat some of the same stories, each will include some information peculiarly their own. Keep this in mind as you read and reflect on the four gospels.

The Gospel according to Luke is the most Gentile-friendly of the four New Testament Gospels. The writer, Luke, was a Gentile and a medical doctor. Luke is the Gospel for everyone of every culture. Luke was an acquaintance of Paul and most likely accompanied him in some of his travels. As he witnessed the Gospel breaking through multiple cultural, political, social, racial and familial barriers, he realized the all-inclusive nature and implications of the life of Christ. For Luke, the Gospel is book one and Acts of Apostolic People is book two.

Luke's Gospel is the work of a master storyteller. Some of our favorite stories, in the life of Christ, are found in Luke. When Luke and Mark tell the same story, Luke omits repetitious information and tells the story in a more flowing writing style. This is one reason why Luke is the longest Gospel; Matthew has more chapters, but Luke has more words.

In Luke, there is an increased focus on individuals within the stories. Jesus is interested in social outcasts of diverse socio-economic strata: Zacchaeus, Samaritans, immoral women, thief on the cross, etc.

Luke emphasizes the role of women. He mentions thirteen women not found in the other three Gospels. In Luke, women have a significant role in Jesus' ministry: they provide financial support, cry at his cross and proclaim his resurrection.

Luke surpasses the other Gospels in the ways he values children, the poor, and outsiders. He alone tells of the childhoods of John the Baptist and Jesus. He mentions children in connection with Jesus. He points out Jesus' mercy on the poor. He emphasizes Jesus' initiative toward people on the outside looking in.

Luke is the social Gospel. He tells several stories about Jesus' social relationships. He places a great emphasis on prayer in the life of Jesus by recording nine of Jesus' prayers.

Luke emphasizes the Holy Spirit in Jesus' life. Then Acts builds on this foundation of the Spirit continuing the mission of God through the Church.



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This is the third of four quarterly brochures to be published this year. Each is designed to guide you through an in-depth reading of the Gospels; Matthew, Mark, *Luke* and John.

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