

A Tour Through the Divine Library
(Luke)

I. General Introduction to Luke

-Title/Author: Luke, companion of Paul; physician; Gentile; author of Luke/Acts (Luke 1:1-4; Acts 1:1; 16:10-17; 20:5-21:18; 27:1-16; Col. 4:10, 11, 14; 2 Tim. 4:11; Philemon 24)

-Date: AD 60 (17:22-37; 21:10-36)

-Purpose: provide Theophilus with an accurate history of Christianity (Luke 1:1-4; Acts 1:1); present Jesus' love for sinners

-Distinctive Features: has an introduction; written to Gentiles; more extensive and complete; thematic, not chronological; Vol. 1 of a two-volume work; emphasis on Journey to Jerusalem, words instead of actions

-Structure:

- I. Introduction (ch. 1)
- II. Preparation Narratives (chs. 1-4)
- III. Jesus' Ministry in Galilee (chs. 4-9)
- IV. Jesus' Journey to Jerusalem (chs. 9-19)
- V. Passion Week (chs. 19-21)
- VI. Jesus' Death and Resurrection (chs. 22-24)

II. General Overview of Luke

-Introduction: Rationale, Research, Arrangement, Recipient, Purpose of Luke's Account (1:1-4)

-Preparation Narratives: birth of John the Baptist; birth and childhood of Jesus; ministry of John the Baptist; Jesus' baptism, genealogy, and temptations (1:5-4:13)

-Ministry in Galilee: Anointing of the HS (4:14-30); Authority of Christ's Word (4:31-5:26); Opposition and Rejection (5:27-6:29); Saving Faith in Christ (chs. 7, 8); The Strategic Role of the Twelve Apostles (9:1-50)

-Journey to Jerusalem: prepares the disciples for the task of ministry after His departure (9:51); concern for others (10:30-37); prayer (11:1-13); trust (12:22-34); watchfulness (12:35-48); cost of discipleship (14:25-35)

-Passion Week (chs. 19-21)

-Jesus' Death and Resurrection (chs. 22-24)

III. Prominent People and Themes in Luke

-People: Zacharias and Elizabeth (1:5-25, 39-45, 56-80); John the Baptist (1:13-80; 3:2-9:9); The Twelve Disciples (6:12-16; *passim*); The Pharisees and Sadducees (5:17-24; 7:30-50; 11:37-54; *passim*); Herod the Tetrarch (3:1-20; 9:7-9; 23:6-1); Pilate (3:3; 13:1; 23:1-52); Mary Magdalene (8:2; 12:4:10).

-Themes: The Healing Ministry of Christ (4:38-40; 5:15-25; 6:17-19; 7:11-15; 8:43-47, 49-56; 9:2, 6, 11; 13:11-13; 14:2-4; 17:12-14; 22:50, 51); The Dignity of Women (8:3; 23:27; 23:55-24:10); Prayer (3:21; 5:16; 6:12, 28; 9:18, 28; 11:1-13; 18:1-8; 22:32, 39-46); The Holy Spirit (1:35, 67; 2:25, 26; 3:22; 4:1, 18; 10:21; 12:10, 12; 24:49); God's Character: keeps His promises (1:38, 45, 54, 55, 69-73); answers prayer (11:5-13); has love and compassion for sinners (6:29-32; 15:1-32; 19:1-10, 41)

IV. Christ in Luke

-Luke presents Jesus as the loving compassionate Son of Man; went about doing good; wise; prayerful; courageous and steadfast; triumphant in death and resurrection

V. Practical Lessons in Luke

- 1) The gospel of Luke is a trustworthy and reliable account of the life and labors of the Lord Jesus Christ (1:1-4).
- 2) The gospel of Luke provides an instructive picture of the seeking, saving love of Christ for sinners (6:29-32; 15:1-32; 19:1-10, 41).