

All Nations Biblical Study Center  
*The Life of Jesus: Synoptic Gospels I*  
*The Gospel of Luke*

## **I. Introductory Material**

Luke contains 548 unique verses, with most of these occurring in “Luke’s Special Section” (chapters 9-19), as well as the Infancy Narratives (chs. 1-2). Luke shares 350 verses with Mark. Matthew and Luke share 235 verses that are not found in Mark. Of the 47 stories shared between Matthew and Luke (the “Double Tradition”), the only one told in the same order is “John’s Preaching about Repentance.”

### **A. Authorship**

The author, as in all of the Gospels, is unnamed. Tradition holds that Luke, the physician (Col. 4:14) and traveling companion of Paul (Acts 16:10–13; 20:5-6; 21:1–18; 27; 28; 2 Tim. 4:11; Philemon 2), wrote this gospel.

It is clear that the author is also responsible for the *Book of Acts*. These two works are to be seen as a two-volume work. A more appropriate title would be *Luke-Acts*.

### **B. Time and Place of Origin**

There are different schools of thought regarding the date Luke was written. Most scholars date its writing to the 80’s A.D., while others hold that it was written prior to the destruction of the Temple in 70 A.D.

### **C. The Target Audience**

### **D. Purpose in Writing**

### **E. Type of Literature**

## F. Distinctive Characteristics of Luke

### 1. Who or What is Important to Luke?

- a. Women
- b. Gentiles
- c. Samaritans
- d. The Poor
- e. The Holy Spirit
- f. The Herod Family
- g. The Temple
- h. Prayer

### 2. Luke's Great Omission

Pericopes 113-121 are missing from Luke. A scroll was only 35 feet long.

### 3. Luke's Special Section (Chapters 9:51-18:14)

There are sixteen sections that occur only in Luke's Gospel. This "Special Section" spans the "Journey to Jerusalem," traveling from Galilee to Judea before the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus. Of note are the Parables of the Good Samaritan and the Lost Son.

## II. Outline

### A. Outline of Major Divisions

Infancy Narratives	+ Judea <i>Baptism</i> <i>Temptation</i> <i>John's Preaching</i>	+ Galilee <i>Jesus' Ministry</i>	+ Jerusalem <i>Passion,</i> <i>Death,</i> <i>Resurrection</i>	Post Resurrection
Luke 1-2 (Matthew 1-2)	Luke 3-4:13 Matt 3-4:11 Mark 1:1-13	Luke 4:14-9:50 * Mt 4:12-18:35 Mk 1:14-9:50	Luke 18:15-24:12 Mt 19-28:10 Mk 10-16:8	Luke 24:13-53 Mt 28:11-20 Mark 16:9-20)

**\*Luke's Special Section focusing on the Journey to Jerusalem is from 9:51-18:14\***

## **B. Detailed Outline**

- 1. Infancy Narratives (1:1-2:52)**
- 2. Introduction and Galilean Ministry (3:1-9:50)**
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  - b. Ministry in the Galilee (4:14-9:50)**
    - 1. Nazareth**
    - 2. The Sermon on the Plain**

20 blessed are you poor	24 woe to you rich
21 blessed who hunger	25 woe to you full
22 blessed are you that weep	25 woe to you that laugh
22 blessed when men hate you	26 woe when men speak well of you
23 for so their fathers did to the prophets	26b for so their fathers did to the false prophets

### **3. Controversies with the Pharisees**

### **4. Miracles and Parables**

### **3. Luke's Great Omission (GP # 113-121)**

### **4. Luke's Special Section (9:51-18:14)**

- a. Jesus' Movement from Galilee to Jerusalem**
- b. Terms**
- c. Certain Emphasis on Samaritans**
- d. Insistence on Women**
- e. Hearing and Doing**
- f. Lost and Found**

### **5. Journey to and Ministry in Jerusalem (18:15-21:38)**

### **6. Conclusion (22-24)**

## **III. Luke-Acts Comparisons**