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THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

PART I (Chapters 1 - 12)

INTRODUCTION

The author of the third gospel is identified as Luke. (Luke 1:3, Acts 1:1) He was known by the apostle Paul and the brethren at Colosse as the beloved physician. (Colossians 4:14) He is only mentioned by name two times in the New Testament. Both times he is in Paul's company during the apostle's imprisonment. (Col. 4:14 and II Tim. 4:11)

Luke is also the author of the book of Acts, his second treatise. (Acts 1:1) Both written works were addressed to Theophilus (beloved or lover of God) apparently in order to further convince Theophilus that the message of the Gospel was true and/or to deepen and strengthen his personal faith in Jesus Christ. i.e., Luke 1:4 Theophilus may have been a person of rank or prominence as the title "most excellent Theophilus" would indicate. The value of Luke's efforts are highlighted by the fact that the volume of his two works, the Gospel of Luke and Acts, account for about one quarter of the New Testament.

His introduction, Luke 1:1-4, indicates several items of importance to the reader. He acknowledges that his is not the only written account of the events of those early days of the ministry of Jesus Christ. He also acknowledges his personal state of faith by identifying himself as a believer. In verse 2 he indicates that the events recorded by him were firsthand eyewitness accounts, thus adding to their weight of evidence. However, II Timothy 3:16 tells us the true source of all scripture; it is given by inspiration of God.

Luke's second treatise, the Acts of the Apostles, no doubt is also the result of the same precise and detailed authentication. Beginning with Acts, his narrative becomes his own personal eyewitness account indicated by the introduction of the personal pronoun "we".

Due to lack of additional biblical information, other descriptions of the person Luke, whether accurate or not, must be relegated to the area of speculation.

As you study his account of the ministry of Jesus Christ, enjoy Doctor Luke's special insights and attention to details, knowing that truly you are studying the word of God.

CHAPTER 1 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1.	Even though Luke was not physically present with the apostles when the events in the life and
	ministry of Jesus took place, what is the source of the information that Luke is about to record? v. 2

2.	Luke purposed in his heart to research and document his record of the gospel to the best of his ability. However, he did not depend on human resources. According to II Timothy 3:16, what is
	the source of all scripture?
3.	What was the dilemma faced by Zachariah and Elizabeth, and why was human resolution to their problems impossible? vv. 5-7
4.	In your own words, describe God's solution to their problem. vv. 11-17
5.	What was Zachariah's response to God's provision? vv. 18-20
6.	Why was Mary chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus? vv. 28,30
7.	Since what the angel told Mary was a human impossibility, she asked how it would be. What did the angel Gabriel say to her? v. 37
8.	How did Mary's response to the angel's words contrast with Zachariah's response to the angel? vv. 18, 20, 38
9.	What was Mary's response to Elizabeth's salutation? vv. 46,47
10.	What was Zachariah's and Elizabeth's son called, and what was his ministry? 1:60,76,77; 3:16; John 1:23
СНАР	TER 2 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST
be fulf 5:2.	Mary and Joseph lived in the town of Nazareth in Galilee when the time of Jesus' birth was about to illed. However, it had been prophesied that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem. Read Micah
1.	What human event did God use in order to accomplish His purpose? v. 1
	The trip for Mary and Joseph was very difficult and the timing seemed wrong. It would have been asy to complain and question God. Their response could have been: "If we are chosen and highly
favore	d, why is it so hard?" God even used an ungodly person like Caesar to accomplish His plan.

2.	What confirmation did God give to Mary concerning her son Jesus? vv. 8-18,25-38				
was t Also, our l	When Jesus was 12 years old, Mary and Joseph went up to Jerusalem as was their custom in order lebrate the Passover feast. (Read Deuteronomy 16:1-8 and Exodus 23:15.) After the celebration and it time to return home, they traveled a whole day's journey before they realized that Jesus was missing, it is easy for us believers today to become so involved in our own activity that we leave Jesus out of ives. We suddenly come to the realization that the presence of Jesus is no longer with us as He once When this happens we must seek Him until His presence is once again with us. When a similar condition was apparent in the church at Ephesus, what did Jesus instruct them to				
	do? Rev. 2:2-5				
4.	When Mary and Joseph realized that Jesus was not with them, what did they do? v. 45				
5.	How long did it take for them to find Him? v. 46				
more	We must be diligent in our daily lives and always walk with Jesus in His presence. It always takes effort to find His presence after we have left Him than it does to leave Him.				
СНА	PTER 3 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST				
1.	What was the message that John the Baptist preached, and where did he preach it? vv. 3,4; Matt.				
	3:1,2; Mark 1:3				
2.	What were the requirements in order to be baptized in water by John? v. 8				
3.	When some were asking if John the Baptist was the Christ (the Messiah), what did John respond? v. 16				
4.	In your own words, describe the difference between the two baptisms mentioned in 3:16				
5.	How was king Herod affected by the preaching of John, and what was his reaction? vv. 19,20				
	The best and easiest way to respond to the conviction of the Holy Spirit is to repent and change attitude of heart and manner of living. However, convicted people often lash out against the person God is using to witness to them. Therefore, a faithful witness for God should expect this and not be				

discouraged when it happens.

0.	what did Jesus say that it was hard for Saul of Tarsus to continue doing? Acts 9:5
7.	Who was it that came to John to be baptized in water? v. 21; Mt. 3:13; Mk. 1:9
8.	What manifestation took place after He was baptized? vv. 21,22
9.	How old was Jesus when He began His ministry?
10.	In the genealogy listed in verses 23-38, who is mentioned as Adam's father?
СНА	PTER 4 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST
1.	Who was it that led Jesus, where did He lead Him, and how long was He there? vv. 1,2; Matt. 4:1,2
2.	Even though Jesus is the Son of God, He was led by the Holy Spirit. What did the apostle Paul say
	to the Romans concerning who was to lead and direct their lives? Rom. 8:14
3.	What were the identical words that Jesus used to respond each time that Satan tempted Him? vv.3-
4.	Who was it that anointed Jesus, and why? vv. 18,19
5.	What declaration did Jesus make in verse 21?
6.	How did the people respond to Jesus' words? vv. 28,29
anoir	The religious leaders of the synagogue of Nazareth honored the written law, but when Jesus applied pirit of the law with the true interpretation, their religious spirit rejected Jesus the Messiah (the ted one), the Living Word of God. The religious crowd at Capernaum was amazed at the teaching authority of Jesus; they were very faithful in their observance of religious things no doubt.
7.	However, when Jesus arrived and began to minister, what was manifested in the synagogue? vv. 33-
	35

	4:38, 39
	4:40, 41
Al	PTER 5 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST
	Answer the following four questions based on verses 1-10.
	What was the occupation of the men that Jesus saw as He was standing by the Sea of Galilee (Lake
	Gennesaret), and what were they doing? v. 2
	After Jesus finished teaching, what did Jesus say to Simon Peter? v. 4
	What was Peter's response?
	Upon what truth did Peter base his actions?
	In the healing of the leper (vv. 12-14), what did Jesus do that could have been interpreted as being
	contrary to the law of Moses? Lev. 15:7, 7:21, 5:3
	However, since the man no longer had leprosy, no one could accuse Jesus of breaking the Law.
	The crowds of people kept coming to Jesus to hear Him and be healed by Him. In the midst of an
	exhausting time of ministry, where did Jesus go, and what did He do? v. 16
t	How often servants of the Lord suffer "burn out" for failing to do what Jesus did. The crowds no would have liked for Jesus to continue ministering to them, but Jesus took the action that He needed.
	As often is the case, true spiritual revival is opposed by religious leaders. What was the criticism of
	the Pharisees concerning Jesus' actions? vv. 20,21

9.	follow Jesus?
10.	What was the attitude and what was the complaint of the Pharisees against Jesus? vv. 29,30
11.	What was Jesus' response to their wrong attitude and criticism? v. 32
СНА	PTER 6 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST
1.	Once again Jesus and His disciples experienced a confrontation with the Pharisees. (If we walk with Him we will also suffer with him. John 15:20) In your own words describe what was their complaint to Jesus and the disciples. vv. 1,2
2.	Which popular Old Testament person did Jesus refer to in order to illustrate His point? vv. 3,4
3.	Read I Samuel 21:1-6 and Leviticus 24:9 and explain in your own words what this future king of Israel did and why it was irregular.
4.	What spiritual principle did Jesus teach that was contrary to the custom and practice of the Pharisees? v. 5, Mark 2:27
5.	What miracle did Jesus perform in order to further illustrate this principle of the sabbath? vv. 6-11
their	Jesus asked the religious leaders whether it was lawful and right to do good on the sabbath. The Mt. 12:11) allowed them to rescue an animal that had fallen into a pit on the sabbath day. However, religious traditions would try and prevent Jesus from performing a miracle for the benefit of a man on abbath day.
6.	What was the response of the Pharisees after Jesus performed the miracle? v. 11
7.	Where did Jesus go, what did He do, and how long was He there? v. 12

8.	List the names of t	he disciples mentioned in verse	es 13-16.	
	a	b	c	
	d	e.	f	
		h		
		k		
9.	Verse 12 states that	at Jesus prayed all night. What	t kind of ministry resulted th	e following day? vv.
	17-19			
circu kingo	n they practice His w mstances. In this c dom. (Matt. 3:2; 4:17	'	essed and happy people reg s how His people are to liv	ondition of His people ardless of our present e and operate in His
10.	w nat promise did	Jesus proclaim to those who for	rgive and give to others? vv.	37,38
11.		e importance of His teachings		•
		ys His teachings?		
12.	To whom did Jes	us liken the person who only	y hears but does not praction	ce the word of God?
CHA	APTER 7 - READ T	HE CHAPTER FIRST		
1.		n who had a sick servant heard are they? vv. 3,7		-
2.	What did the centu	urion say was the basis for his se	econd request? v. 8	
3.	What was Jesus' r	esponse to the centurion's expla	anation of his request? v. 9	
4.	What did Jesus do	to interrupt the funeral process	ion described in verses 11-15	5?
5.	In your own word	s, describe the response of the p	people to Jesus' actions. v. 16	

6.	What was John the Baptist's question concerning Jesus? v. 20				
7.	What evidence did Jesus give proving that He was the Messiah? v. 22				
8.	While Jesus was dining at the house of Simon the Pharisee, what kind of woman entered and what did she do? vv. 37,38				
0	What was Simon the Dhariage's magnenage to hor setions? v. 20				
9.	What was Simon the Pharisee's response to her actions? v. 39				
10.	What explanation did Jesus give for the woman's actions toward Him? v. 47				
СНА	APTER 8 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST				
4:3-2	The parable of the sower is mentioned in each of the three Synoptic Gospels. Matt. 13:3-23; Mark 20; Luke 8:5-15. Even though it is called the parable of the sower, most of the emphasis is placed or eed and the different varieties of soil.				
1.	What is the seed that is referred to in this parable? v. 11				
2.	What kind of seed is it? I Peter 1:23				
3.	What will this kind of seed reproduce? Isa. 55:11				
4.	What must happen to the seed if it is to reproduce? Mt. 13:3, Jn. 12:24				
5.	Read Haggai 2:19 and then answer in your own words: What is the result if the seed is still in the barn?				
6.	What do the different kinds of soil represent? Lk. 8:12; Mt. 13:11				
7.	List the four types of soil mentioned in the parable of the sower.				
	a. vv. 5,12				
	b. vv. 6,13				
	c. vv. 7,14				
	d. vv. 8,15				

	m 139:23) Reviewing each type of soil, describe in your own words (questions 8-11) how we can r prepare our hearts to receive the seed of God's word.
8.	The first type of soil: Hosea 10:12, Luke 20:18, Psalm 51:17, I Peter 5:5, Psalm 35:13
9.	The second type of soil: Jude verse 20, II Timothy 2:15, I Peter 2:2, I Samuel 30:6
10.	The third type of soil: Colossians 3:5, I Peter 2:1, Hebrews 12:1, Proverbs 4:23,24
11.	The fourth type of soil: Proverbs 4:20, Jeremiah 29:13
12.	When Jesus' mother and brethren were trying to get to the Lord, who did Jesus say was truly His family? v. 21
13.	Read the following scriptures and in a few words describe what took place. a. v. 24
	b. vv. 30-33
	c. vv. 43-48
	d. vv. 41, 42, 49-56
CHA	APTER 9 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST
1.	What power (authority) did Jesus give the 12 apostles, and what did He send them to do? vv. 1,2
2.	Describe in your own words what Jesus told His disciples to do in verse 13 and what miracle He performed in verses 14-17.
3.	What did Jesus say was the requirement for everyone who wanted to follow Him? v. 23

As we examine ourselves, the Holy Spirit will indicate to us the condition of our own hearts.

4.	What did Jesus say would happen to those who seek to save their lives?
5.	What would happen to those who should lose their lives for His sake?
6.	On the mountain known as the Mount of Transfiguration, there appeared two men with Jesus in His transfiguration. Who were they?
7.	What was the reason that Jesus cited when the disciples couldn't cast out the demon? vv. 37-42 Also see Matt. 17:20,21.
the n	Jesus used a child to illustrate the heart attitude required of His followers. If a child is accepted in same of Jesus, he receives and welcomes Jesus.
8.	Who is truly the greatest in the kingdom of God? v. 48
9.	What response did Jesus make to the ones who requested a delay in following Jesus until they had first taken care of their family? vv. 59-62
	APTER 10 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST
1.	Read verses 1-16 and describe in your own words Jesus' detailed instruction to His 70 followers as He sent them out two by two as lambs into the midst of wolves.
2.	What was the state of mind when the 70 returned from their mission? v. 17
3.	What was the reason cited for their victory over the kingdom of darkness? v. 17
4.	What greater reason did Jesus cite that should cause them to rejoice? v. 20
5.	What commandment from the law is a challenge and is applicable to our lives today? v. 27
6.	What parable did Jesus use to illustrate the question "Who is my neighbor"? vv. 29-37

7.	When Jesus was visiting Mary and Martha, which one did He say had chosen the best part, and what was it? vv. 38-42
СНА	PTER 11 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST
One	The disciples were no doubt impressed with Jesus' prayer life and the results that were evident. of the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray. In response Jesus related what is commonly called Lord's Prayer." However, the Lord's instructions concerning prayer continued from verse 1 through
1.	In verses 5-8 Jesus told about a man who had a need. What was the reason the man received that
	for which he was asking? v. 8
2.	What instructions did Jesus give to those who have needs and desires? v. 9
3.	What did Jesus say that the Father would give to those who ask and continue asking? v. 13
4.	Who did the apostle Paul say would come to the aid of the believers at Rome when they did not know how to pray? Rom. 8:26,27
5.	What was the sign mentioned by Jesus which would indicate that the kingdom of God had come? v. 20
6.	What condition did Jesus say would allow an evil spirit to re-enter the heart of someone recently delivered, and what would be his final condition? vv. 24-26
7.	When the people were seeking a sign from Jesus, what sign did Jesus say they would receive? v. 29, Mt. 12:40
8.	Who did Jesus say would rise in judgment against His generation? vv. 31,32
9.	The word translated "woe" is a strong word of warning of things to come. How many times in verses 37-52 did Jesus use this word, and whom did He use it against?

10.	What was the attitude and activity of those who were against Jesus? vv. 53,54		
СНА	PTER 12 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST		
1.	Against what did Jesus warn His disciples? v. 1		
2.	The disciples were also warned about whom not to fear and whom to fear. Whom did He warn them about? vv. 4,5		
3.	In verses 6-8 Jesus described the heavenly Father's love and concern for His own. What did Jesus use to illustrate this divine care?		
4.	What did Jesus say would happen to those who deny and reject Christ before men? vv. 8,9		
5.	Who is the one that Jesus said "if we speak against Him it would not be forgiven"? v. 10		
6.	If we as believers are brought before the authorities for righteous acts, who will come to our defense and teach us what to say? vv. 11,12		
7.	In the parable of the rich man with full barns and granaries, what was wrong with the man's outlook on life? vv. 19-21		
8.	In this life it is important where we place our treasure because something else is in the same place as our treasure. What is it? v. 34		
9.	What will be required of them to whom much is given? v. 48		
10.	What did Jesus call the religious leaders who were against Him? v. 56		
seque	This concludes the study of the Gospel of Luke Part I. In order to maintain proper flow and ence of events, we urge you to begin your study in Luke Part II as soon as possible.		
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