

NEW TESTAMENT BIBLICAL LITERACY

LUKE – PART ONE

Lesson 20

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Who Was Luke?

- Paul:

- Philemon 24

- “Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends you greetings. And so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas and Luke, my fellow workers.”

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- Paul's Fellow Worker (Philemon 24)
- With Paul at End (2 Timothy 4:11)
“Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry.”

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- A Doctor (Colossians 4:14)

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- A Doctor
- Paul's Traveling Companion (Acts "We" Passages)

How Do we Know Luke Wrote It?

- No Photo
- But Lots of History
 - Justin Martyr 100ish (Multiple Quotes)
 - Irenaeus (115 to 190)
 - “Luke, the follower of Paul, preserved in a book the gospel which that apostle preached.”
 - “We” plus Paul’s Writings

When Was It Written?

- 60 A.D. By Ending of Acts
- Post 70 by skeptics

“When you see Jerusalem being surrounded by armies, you will know that its desolation is near.” Lk 21:20

Why Was It Written?

- One of Two to Theophilus

“I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, it seemed good also to me to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.”

Lk 1:3-4

Why Was It Written?

- One of Two to Theophilus
- Gospel to the Greeks

What Are the Main Points?

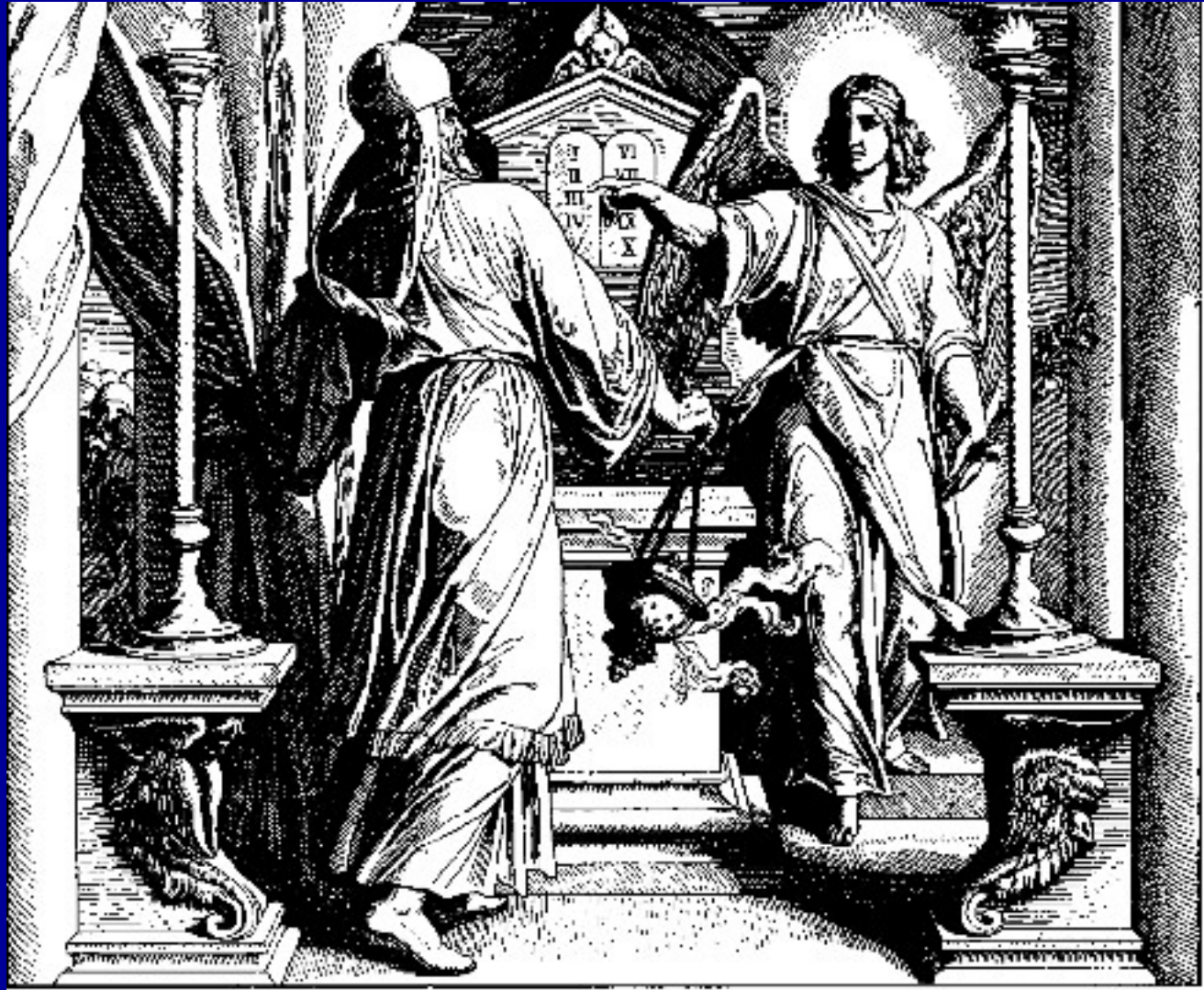
- Small Village to World Capital
- Jesus Human and Divine
- Praying (11 vs. 3/4/4)
- Praise
- Children / Women
- Wonderful Greek!

The Luke Story

1. Infancy and Childhood (1-3)
2. Galilee (4-9:50)
3. Facing Jerusalem (9:51-18:30)
4. Jerusalem (18:31-21:38)
5. Passion (22-24)

Infancy and Childhood

Angel Appears to Zechariah



Story

- Annunciation
- Visitation (*Magnificat*)
 - Birth of John the Baptist (*Benedictus*)
- Nativity (Glory to God in the Highest)
 - “I bring good news of great joy that will be for all people.” (2:10)
- Presentation
 - Simeon (*Nunc Dimittis*) / Anna
- Finding in Temple

“And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and
in favor with God and men.”

Lk 2:52

Meanwhile

- John the Baptist
 - Preaches a Baptism of Repentance
 - Isaiah's Voice in the Wilderness
 - Baptism of Jesus
 - “my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased” (3:22)
- Genealogy to Adam

Part I - Summary

- Jesus from Adam, the Father of All Races
- Jesus, the “good news of great joy that will be for all the people” (2:10)
- Angels: Peace on *Earth*; Good Will to *All*
- Simeon: Jesus “a light for revelation to the Gentiles” (3:32)
- John: “all mankind will see God’s salvation” (3:6)

Galilee

Jesus Alone

- Wilderness Temptations
- Return to Galilee
- Rejected in Nazareth

Pattern: Rejection Extends Reach!

Jesus in Villages

- Capernaum Teaching on Sabbath
- Casts Out a Demon
- Heals Peter's M-in Law
- Miraculous Fish Catch
 - Today Fish, Tomorrow the World!
- Leper
- Alone No More!

Jesus In Villages

- Sick Man Through Roof

Sins are Forgiven

- Religious Trub's
- Levi (Matthew) Called

“It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick” (5:31)

- New Wineskins

Jesus In Villages

- Lord of the Sabbath
- Hand Healing With Questions
- Anger / Hostility
- 12 Selected
- Beatitudes, Sermon on Mount
 - Love / Pray for Enemies; No Judging / Criticizing; Build a Solid House

Jesus in Villages

- Wineskins With Roman
- Raising a Dead Son

The news was spreading “throughout Judea and the surrounding country” (7:17)

- John’s Questions Answered
- Irony of John / Jesus / Rulers
- Dinner and Forgiveness

Jesus in Villages

- Numbers Grow With Women
- Parable about soils
- Explanation of Family
- Gerasenes
- Jairus and Anonymity Denied
- 5,000

Jesus in Villages

- The Christ Confessed
- The Cross Anticipated
- Transfiguration
- Healing a Possessed Boy
- Second Death Forecast
- Egos set straight and....

Jesus “**resolutely set out for Jerusalem**” (9:51)

Points for Home

1. God can start small and end big!
2. The gospel is an unstoppable force of God.
3. Not all want it.
4. Not all will live it.
5. But it is God's good news for all.