



THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Introduction

This is a self-help study of the Gospel of Luke. The word "gospel" means "good news." This Gospel was written by Luke, a physician converted on one of the Apostle Paul's missionary journeys through Asia Minor. He accepted Jesus as Savior and Lord and spread the message of hope and salvation before he wrote it down.

The Bible is divided into books, chapters and verses. This makes it easy to locate any particular passage. In this

study you will find the reference (chapter and verse) to the left of the question, as in the following example:

- 1:1-4 Luke, the author of this Gospel,*
 Made up his story to impress his friend Theophilus.
 Reported facts as told by eyewitnesses.

The answer to this question is found in Luke, chapter 1, verses 1 through 4. In all cases where a reference occurs without the name of the book, it refers to Luke.

After reading the passage, answer the question by making a mark beside the correct phrase. If you are uncertain of an answer, mark the one that you think is correct and make a question mark next to it. The person who corrects your study will be able to answer your question or will look for the answer if he or she does not know it.

I pray that God will bless you as you read the story of the life and ministry of Jesus. May you become a disciple of Jesus just as I have.

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Note: "Theophilus" in Greek means "One who loves God."

1:5-38 How did the angeJ Gabriel explain Jesus' miraculous conception?

- The Holy Spirit would come upon Mary. (1:35)
- Jesus' kingdom would have no end (1:33)
- To assure Mary that she had found favor with God (1:30)
- To tell Joseph to divorce Mary (Matthew 1:18-22)

[3 correct answers]

2:1-52 What amazing things did Mary ponder and treasure in her heart?

- What the shepherds said about the appearance of the angels and their message (2:19).
- How bright light shown all around the baby Jesus
- What Simeon said concerning the baby Jesus.
- What Jesus in the temple told his parents (2:51).

[2 correct answers]

3:1-20 John was sent to prepare the way for Jesus. He said that the most important thing to do was:

- To claim to be saved because our parents were believers.
- To repent and show it by obeying God.

3:23-38 The genealogy of Jesus shows that he is truly human, the son of Adam, the first man. By his conception in the womb of a virgin he was revealed to be the son of _____.

(Luke 4:38; Luke 1:32,35)

4:1-13 What did Jesus do to resist the devil?

- He defended himself with the Scriptures.
- He showed Satan how strong he was by doing a miracle.

4:14-21 The Spirit of God anointed to free the oppressed. How did Jesus free the oppressed? (4:22-44, also Luke 5:12-26)

- He cast out evil spirits and healed the sick.
- He preached about the way of salvation.
- He started a revolution to free the Jews from Roman rule.

[2 correct answers]

5:1-11 To be a fisher of men, to catch people means to make disciples for Christ.
 True False

5:12-39 To follow Jesus is something:
 To be ashamed of.
 To be celebrated with friends and associates (Luke 5:29)

Note: Tax collectors were in the class of "sinners" along with prostitutes. They were Jews who collaborated with the hated Romans by collecting taxes. They were known for their dishonesty because they collected more than what was required and pocketed the rest.

6:1-16 What did Jesus do on the Sabbath?
 He worshiped God and did what was good.
 By his example, he was teaching us how to keep the Sabbath.
 Jesus was showing that we could do whatever we like on the Sabbath.

6:17-49 The believer should (6:36):
 Imitate God who is merciful to those who don't deserve it.
 Treat others as they have treated him.

7:1-50 Who in this chapter felt that they were unworthy?
 The centurion, the Roman commander of 100 soldiers.
 The sinful woman who anointed and kissed Jesus' feet.
 The Pharisee who hosted a meal for Jesus and his disciples.
[2 correct answers]

Who were examples of faith?

The centurion The Pharisee The sinful woman

7:18-34 Jesus was telling John that he was the Messiah who freed people from oppression, but that it was not political freedom, but rather freedom from the oppression of sin and its consequences.
 True False

- 8:4-18 Why doesn't everyone who hears the Good News follow Jesus?
- They don't understand it.
 - They quit when people poked fun of them or hurt them.
 - They were too busy with work or play.
 - They understood that faith in Jesus means to obey him even in hard times.

[3 correct answers]

- 8:19-21 Who are part of Jesus' true family?
Those who "hear the word of God and _____"

- 8:1-3, 26-39 Jesus healed people who were possessed by demons. Some of them had many demons. They were:
- a) _____ (8:2)
 - b) _____ (8:26)

- 8:38-39 The cured man begged to stay with Jesus, but Jesus sent him away with this command: "Return to your home, and declare _____." (8:39).

- 9:1-9 Jesus sent his disciples out to "preach the kingdom of God." That meant they should:
- Ask people to turn from their sin and submit to God's will.
 - Pray for God's power to heal the sick and cast out demonic influence.
 - Wait for people to come to them.

[2 correct answers]

- 9:10-17 What was Jesus trying to teach with this miracle?
- That he would always supply the people with food.
 - That he himself was like bread--One who gave eternal life.
- [Read John 6:26-40 for Jesus' explanation of this miracle]**

- 9:18-27 Jesus taught his disciples that the Christ would:
- Suffer and die before rising again from the dead (9:22).
 - Be a powerful king respected by everyone

- Jesus also taught that his followers would:
- Suffer for the sake of their Leader.
 - Be powerful and honored by everyone.

Whoever is ashamed of Jesus and his teaching on earth will be rejected by Christ when he returns again.

True False

9:28-45 What was the purpose of the visit of Moses and Elijah and the heavenly glory that surrounded Jesus?

To prepare Jesus for his death and resurrection (9:30-31).

To impress upon the disciples that they should obey Jesus even though he was headed for his death (9:35).

To motivate the disciples to build a shrine that would be visited by millions.

[2 correct answer]

9:46-50 Who are greatest in God's estimation?

Those who are like children, humble and dependent on God.

Those who hold the highest positions in the church.

9:51-62 Jesus will accept those as his followers who first satisfy the demands of family and friends. Yes No

10:1-24 Again Jesus sends his followers out to share the good news. He tells us to pray for more people to tell others about salvation. Why?

It will be hard to find people who live in darkness.

Many of the Jesus' followers are afraid to tell others about him.

10:11 "Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet" is a vivid way of saying, "I'm no longer responsible for your destruction. I told you the truth. Now I'm going on to others who will listen."

Yes No

10:25-37 How do we show that we love God and obey his commands?

By going to church all dressed up in our best clothes.

By showing mercy to anyone who is in need.

10:38-42 What is more important in Jesus' eyes?

Listening to him by studying the Bible and by hearing God's word as it is taught in church.

Working hard to get things done.

11:1-13 What are we to pray for?

- That all men everywhere honor and obey God.
- That we get enough money to make us a success.
- That God forgive us and free us from the power of evil.

[2 correct answers]

11:14-28 What is necessary to remain free from demonic influence?

- To have positive thoughts about our own self-worth.
- To invite Jesus into our hearts and take control.

11:29-54 Hypocrites are condemned by Jesus because they:

- Place high demands upon others but do not show mercy to those are needy and sinful (11:46).
- Recognize their errors and repent of them.

12:1-12 Who do we need to be afraid of the most?

- God who has the power to punish us in hell (12:5).
- Those that can kill us and destroy our body.

12:13-34 How are we to be “rich toward God”?

- By living modestly and giving to the poor.
- By seeking God’s kingdom, which means that we seek to submit to his law and trust in his protection.
- By worrying about how to make ends meet in this world.

[2 correct answers]

12:35-53 Christ’s return at the Last Day will be bad news for:

- Those who are serving him as though he were present.
- Those who put off following Jesus for some other day.

12:54-59 What does Jesus recommend?

- “Fight it out in court.”
- Settle our dispute out of court by seeking reconciliation.

13:1-9 Disaster and suffering:

- Show us who sinners are. They are being punished.
- Warn us to repent because we are no better than others.

13:10-17 Healing ministry, praying and caring for the sick,

- Is work and must be limited to the six work days.
- Gives relief and rest and is especially appropriate for the day of rest.

13:18-21 God's rule:

- Expands among many people so that many are blessed.
- Expands so that every area of our life is changed according to God's will.
- Immediately changes everything completely.

[2 correct answers]

13:22-30 After our death or after Christ's return there will be no opportunity to repent and be saved. True False

13:31-35 Jerusalem would be destroyed:

- Because God was cruel and unloving.
- Because its people rejected Jesus as Savior and Lord.

14:1-14 We should show hospitality to the needy because:

- They will repay us when things get better.
- God will repay us in heaven.

14:15-35 Can we be a disciple of Jesus if we love family and our own personal safety more than him?

- Yes No

15:1-32 Who makes God happy? Those who:

- Judge sinners and separate themselves from them.
- Go out to save sinners and rejoice when they accept Jesus and turn from sin.

16:1-15 A parable is a comparison that teaches a lesson in a graphic way. What is Jesus teaching in this parable?

- That being lazy and dishonest is a good way to get money.
- That we should use our money for preaching the gospel and helping the needy. In this way people will be converted and become our friends. We will meet them in heaven.

16:16-18 Sometimes divorce is justified. Jesus says that "marital unfaithfulness" is one reason (Matthew 19:1-12). The Apostle writes that abandonment is another reason (1 Corinthians 7:15). Can a divorced person follow Jesus? (See John 4:1-38).

- Yes No

16:19-31 Will those who do not show love to those who rich or poor, far or near, friend or enemy, share in the joy of heaven?
() Yes () No

When is the time to turn from sin? () Today () After we die

17:1-10 If a person obeys God perfectly:
() He does only what God expects him to do. It's nothing to boast about.
() He can be proud of his achievement.

17:3-4 ***For more about forgiveness, see Matthew 18:15-35; Matthew 5:38-48; Matthew 7:1-5; and Romans 12:17-21.***

17:11-19 All ten lepers were healed. Who showed true faith?
() The one who returned to thank Jesus.
() The ones who went on to get a clean bill of health from the priests.

17:20-21 "The kingdom of God within you [in your midst]" means:
() That Christ will not return to judge the world.
() That God rules in the hearts of believers.
() That Jesus, the Savior King, was there among his listeners.
[2 correct answers]

17:22-37 We must turn to God and change our sinful life:
() As soon as we hear the gospel.
() After we see Jesus returning from heaven.

18:1-14 How will God "bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night"?
() He will make their life easier in this world.
() He will punish their oppressors and give them relief in the Day of Judgment, if not in this life.

18:15-17 Today, parents can bring their children to Jesus by:
() Praying with them and reading Bible stories to them.
() Going to church with them.
() Being a good example of obedience to God.
() Letting them do whatever they want.
[3 correct answers]

18:18-19:10 Two rich men met Jesus. Who became a follower of Jesus?
 The rich ruler who was unwilling to give to the poor.
 Zacchaeus, who was willing to part with his wealth.

19:11-27 This parable has several points of comparison. The man from an important family who went to a country far away was Jesus who rose again from the dead and went to heaven where he received authority to rule over all things.
 True False

19:11-27 The “three-months’ pay”(or “mina”) represents the gospel, which Jesus wants us to use to make disciples. (**Read Matthew 28:18-20 to see what this is.**)
 True False

19:28-48 Jerusalem would be destroyed (This happened in 70 AD) because the Jews in general rejected Jesus (Luke 19:41-44).
 True False

20:1-8 Who gave Jesus the right to teach in the temple and drive out the money changers and the cattle sellers?
 God The high priest.

20:9-26 Jesus is the “son” that God the Father sent so that people might believe him and obey him.
 True False

20:27-47 Are married couples still married in heaven?
 Yes No

21:1-4 God is honored when our offering to the church is:
 The part left over after we have supplied our own wants.
 The first part of our earnings.

21:5-28 *Note: The disciples understood that judgment on Jerusalem would take place when Jesus returned from heaven at the end of the age (Matthew 24:3). They did not understand that there would be a long period of time between the destruction of Jerusalem and the final judgment. Jesus did not clearly distinguish between the two either. Nevertheless, the passage makes the most sense when divided in the following way.*

21:8-19 *The whole time between the first and second coming of Christ.*
21:20-24 *The destruction of Jerusalem and the escape of believers from it.*
21:25-28 *Christ's second coming.*

21:20-24 *Jerusalem was surrounded by the Roman army in the Fall of 66 or early 67 A.D., but Jewish fighters were able to drive it off. The Christian Jews who remembered Jesus' words took this opportunity to flee from the city. The rebel Jews thought that they could maintain their independence, but were mistaken. The Romans returned in 70 AD, destroyed the city, and kill everyone in it*

21:25-31 Judgment will come when Christ returns and many will be afraid, but believers will be glad. (See 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10)
() True () False

21:32-33 *These words refer to the destruction of Jerusalem, which is a sign of the Final Judgment of the whole world.*

21:34-36 How should believers prepare themselves for Christ's return?
() Pray resist the temptation of sin.
() Obey God and not let the pleasures and worries of this life distract him from doing this.
() Try to predict the date of Christ return.
[2 correct answers]

22:1-6 Why did Judas betray Jesus?
() Satan entered him.
() He realized that he would never get rich by following Jesus.
() He didn't like to preach and heal the sick.
[2 correct answers. Read John 12:1-8 and Mark 14:1-11 for the background for Judas' decision.]

22:7-23 Ever since Christ's death and until he returns the church will celebrate the Lord's Supper. The church does this:
() To remember Jesus' payment for sin on the cross.
() To feed the poor.
() To remember that it shares in Christ's service and suffering
[2 correct answers]

22:24-30 Jesus gave his disciples an example of leadership. What type of leader was he?
() One who serves. () One who is being served.

22:31-34 How was Jesus' prayer answered? After Peter denied Jesus:
 He ran away in disgrace and abandoned the other disciples.
 He cried bitterly in repentance and when he was restored
(John 21:15-19), he became the leader of the disciples.

22:35-62 What was the most important thing that Jesus prayed
for? (22:42)
 To be spared the cup of suffering and death.
 To do his Father's will.

22:63-71 Verse 69 is a quote from Daniel 7:13-14 that refers to the
Messiah. Because he said this, the Jewish leaders accused Jesus:
 Of blasphemy, a mere human claiming to be God.
 Of disrespect to Jewish authority.

23:1-34 Why did Jesus ask God to forgive those who were killing him?
 They did not understand that he was the God's innocent Son.
 Considering the circumstances their sin wasn't too serious.

23:35-56 Jesus promised eternal life to the one criminal because:
 He believed that Jesus was the Son of God.
 He was really innocent.

24:1-27 That the Christ would suffer, die and rise again was:
 Predicted by Jesus before his death.
 A total surprise for his followers.
 Foretold by the prophets in the Old Testament.
[2 correct answers]

24:28-35 How did the two men recognize Jesus?
 By the nail marks on his hands and feet.
 By the way he took the bread, gave thanks, broke it and
began to give it to them. **[See Luke 9:16]**

24:36-43 The resurrection of Christ:
 Is the invention of the disciples who stole Jesus' body.
 Proves that Jesus is indeed the Son of God and alive today.
 Is the guarantee that God will give eternal life to all who
believe.
[2 correct answers]

24:44-47 What is the good news that believers must preach?

- () All who repent will have their sins forgiven by believing in Jesus.
- () All who accept Jesus will be successful in this world.

24:48-53 What had God the Father promised Jesus to give to the disciples?

- () Divine power from the Holy Spirit
- () A special place in the new Jewish kingdom.

[Read Acts 1:6-8 and Acts 2 to find the answer.]