

GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

KEY—FACTS

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Author: Luke The third Gospel doesn't identify its author, but tradition has identified him as Luke, the beloved physician (Col 4:14; cf. 2-Tim 4:11; Philemon 24). The opening lines of the book reveal that Luke wrote as a historian, not as a firsthand observer of the events he recorded. Luke was a close friend and companion of Paul. He also wrote Acts and the two books go together.

Timeline of Key Events

37 B.C—Herod the great begins to rule
6/5 B.C—Jesus is born
5/4 B.C—Jesus' family escapes to Egypt
4 B.C—Herod the great dies
4/3 B.C—Jesus' family returns to Nazareth
6/7 A.D—Jesus visits the Temple as a boy
14 A.D—Tiberius Caesar becomes Emperor
26 A.D—Pontius Pilate appointed as governor
26/27 A.D—Jesus begins his ministry
28 A.D—Jesus chooses the 12 disciples
29 A.D—Jesus feeds 5000
30 A.D—Jesus' death, resurrection and ascension.
Also during this time, saddles were first used in Europe (A.D 1), Judea becomes a Roman Province (A.D 6), Zealots in Judea rebelled against Rome (A.D.7) and Paul was converted on the Damascus road (A.D34).

Note: Almost all the events in Jesus' life happened in the area that is present –day Israel and Jordan.

Date

Written: Luke was probably written between A.D 59 and 63.

Setting: Luke wrote from Rome or possibly from Caesarea.

Special

Features: This is the most comprehensive Gospel. The general vocabulary and diction show that the author was

educated. He makes frequent references to illnesses and diagnoses. Luke stresses Jesus' relationships with people; emphasizes prayer, miracles and angels; records inspired hymns of praise and gives a prominent place to women. Most of 9:51—18:35 is not found in any other Gospel.

Real-Life Subjects

Covered:

COMPASSION—Chapters 7:11-15; 10:33-34 and 15:20-24
DECISIONS—Chapter 10:42
DISCIPLESHIP—Chapters 9:57-62 and 14:25-33
FAITH—Chapters 5:17-26; 7:1-10 and 17:5-6
FORGIVENESS—Chapters 7:44-50; 15:11-24 and 17:1-4
HUMILITY—Chapters 9:46-48; 14:11 and 18:9-14
Joy—Chapters 1:14; 2:10; 6:23 and 15:3-7
JUDGING OTHERS—Chapter 6:37
LOVE—Chapters 6:27-36 and 10:25-37
MONEY—Chapters 12:13-21 and 18:18-30
OBEDIENCE—Chapters 2:51 and 6:46-49
PRAYER—Chapters 11:1-13 and 18:1-8
PRIORITIES—Chapters 10:38-42 and 12:22-31
PRODUCTIVITY—Chapters 6:43-45; 8:15 and 19:11-26
TEMPTATION—Chapters 4:1-13 and 22:31, 40, 46

Key-Verses to ponder upon and remember by heart:

Chapter 1, verses 30-32

- Three startling and profound truths about Mary's Son
- Why was Christ born of a Virgin?
- Salvation and Sonship connection.

Chapter 2, verses 6-7, 10 and 14

- Jesus' shocking birth in a smelly stable
- A birth that took place in obscurity, loneliness and humility.

Chapter 4, verse 36

- What is this Word???
- A face-to-face encounter, that disrupted the worship service.

Chapter 6, verse 31

- Jesus introduces a new set of principles to live by
- The “Golden-Rule”—A summit of ethics, of behavior, of righteousness and of godliness
- Four significant facts that set-apart the golden-rule from all other teachings.

Chapter 18, verse 17

- Entry into Kingdom of God and it’s “The Absolute” requirement that cannot be compromised.
- Let us make no-mistake.

Chapter 19, verse 10

- Jesus open’s up His heart to the public, during His earthly mission
- Jesus reclaimed a lost child and provided an opportunity for celebration in heaven.

Chapter 24, verses 6-7

- Jesus overcomes His death, He was no longer in the tomb.
- Confusion of Jesus’ followers, in taking His words literally and at the face-value.