

# Luke

## I. Introduction

### A. Author

1. Paul's companion (fits perfectly w/ Acts literarily) (Ac 16:7); Dear \_\_\_\_\_ (Col 4.14; Phm v24; 2 Tim 4.11)
2. Doctor background (Col 4.14). Reports lots of \_\_\_\_\_
3. Gentile

B. Date- before Acts, which was pre 70 AD. \_\_\_\_\_ likely.

C. Purpose- Lk 1.1-4

### D. Audience

1. \_\_\_\_\_ - sponsor of an orderly account.
2. Probably a rich member of a gentile church.

### E. Structure

1. One literary work with \_\_\_\_\_
2. Chiasm (abc-cba)
  - a) Resurrection/Ascension the highlight. mentioned twice
  - b) Helps explain why Luke leaves out withdrawal from Galilee
  - c) **Why?** "Jesus' ministry and the church's mission *together* constitute the fullness of God's redemptive activity on behalf of humanity. . . though not identical, they are comparable and inseparable." - Longenecker<sup>1</sup>

## II. Distinctives

### A. Holy Spirit

1. Lk- used \_\_\_\_\_ times, Acts- \_\_\_\_\_
2. Mark-6; Mat 12

### B. Jesus as savior of the world

1. Jesus as part of \_\_\_\_\_ (lineage ch 3)
  - a) "orderly account"- Got all names/dates right
  - b) checked sources- i.e. Mary for the birth
2. Special concern for women, gentiles, tax collectors, poor.

### C. "Son of \_\_\_\_\_" (Daniel 7.13-14; Lk 18:8)

1. Jesus' favorite name for himself (others said son of God)
2. Emphasizes divinity, not humanity of Jesus

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<sup>1</sup> Longenecker, Richard. "Luke/Acts". Patterns of Discipleship in the New Testament. Eerdmans: 1996

3. Why this phrase? It hadn't been politically hijacked.
4. Especially focuses on Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ over the created world. (kingdom)

D. \_\_\_\_\_ of God (though Matthew emphasizes more)

1. Now (Lk 4:43; 9:2; 10:9-11; 12:32; 16:16-17; 17:21)
2. Not yet (Lk 9:27; 12:31; 13:18-20; 21:31; 22; 23:51;

E. Parables in Luke

1. Matt describes the nature of the kingdom, Israel, and the age to come.
2. Luke remembers parables describing \_\_\_\_\_ as disciples here and now.
  - a) Generally easier to understand.

F. Discipleship in Luke/Acts

1. Uses the term "\_\_\_\_\_ " less than any gospel
2. But the theme of discipleship is more developed, expressed, and sustained than in the other gospels.
3. "What was basic in Jesus' ministry has been and should continue to be the pattern for all the church's life and ministry"- *ibid*.
4. Where Mark shows the failures of disciples, Luke shows them in a positive light (but not as nice as Mat)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ of discipleship: Lk 9.57-62; 14.25-33
  - a) Willingness to live an unsettled and insecure lifestyle
  - b) Letting go of other allegiances, including money and family
6. Characteristics of a disciple Lk 9.23
  - a) \_\_\_\_\_ and power of the Holy Spirit (live God's life for you)
  - b) \_\_\_\_\_ the good news of God's kingdom universally (live God's grace)
  - c) \_\_\_\_\_ **accordingly**
    - (1) a life of prayer (live the spiritual disciplines Jesus modeled)
    - (2) Release and blessing for the poor/captives/dispossessed (live God's heart for the poor)
    - (3) Spread the apostles' teaching (live the sermon on the mount plain)
    - (4) Share in the rejection experienced by Jesus (live the Passion)

III. Difference between Luke and Acts

1. Jesus = announcement and effecting of redemption.
2. Church = proclamation, extension, and application of what Jesus did.