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An Introduction to the Gospel of Luke

The Author
Of all Biblical writers, Luke was probably the only Gentile. Thought to have been converted at Antioch, Luke was a well-trained Greek. He is referred to in Colossians 4:14 as “the beloved physician.”

Not satisfied with the partial accounts which were circulating about the life and work of Jesus, Luke determined to write an orderly, detailed account of the facts believed by the early Christians.

He also wrote the book of Acts. The “we” and “they” passages in that book indicate that Luke was often present with the apostle Paul in his travels. He joined Paul at Troas (16:10). He remained at Philippi when Paul traveled on (18:22). He was later found in Asia Minor (19:1-41). He rejoined Paul at a later time and accompanied him to Jerusalem. He was with Paul in Rome at the close of Paul’s life (2 Timothy 4:11).

The Message of the Book
The purpose of the book of Luke is stated in 1:4. Even though the original design of it was to confirm to an individual, Theophilus, the facts about Jesus, surely Luke knew that his book was intended for a much larger audience.

Luke presents the humanity of Jesus—that He was a blending of the Son of Man with the Son of God. He demonstrates Christ to be the perfect man but does not minimize His deity.

Some Exclusive Things in the Book
Of the three synoptic writers (Matthew, Mark and Luke), Luke has the most distinctive material. Over fifty percent of its content is exclusive whereas Matthew has about forty percent and Mark only ten.

Parables. The two debtors (7:41-43); the good Samaritan (10:25-37); the friend at midnight (11:5-8); the rich fool (12:16-21); the watchful servants (12:35-48); the barren fig tree (13:6-9); the chief seats at the wedding feast (14:7-11); the great supper (14:15-24); the builder who did not finish (14:28-30); the king who sought counsel (14:31-32); the lost coin (15:8-10); the prodigal son (15:11-32); the clever steward (16:1-13); the unprofitable servants (17:7-10); the widow and the judge (18:1-8); the Pharisee and publican (18:9-14); and the servants and the pounds (19:11-27).

Miracles. The catch of fish (5:1-11); the raising of the widow’s son at Nain (7:11-18); the healing of the woman with an 18 year old spirit of infirmity (13:10-17); the healing of a man who had dropsy (14:1-6); the cleansing of the ten lepers (17:11-19); and the restoration of Malchus’ ear which had been cut off by Peter (22:50-51).
Special Considerations in the Book

Certain classes of people receive special attention in Luke. Women, mentioned some 43 times in the book, children, and the poor and oppressed are but a few of the classes of people which are emphasized.

The prayer life of Jesus is also emphasized in this gospel. This is not surprising since it is a mark of that which is stressed by Luke—the humanity of Jesus. Jesus is shown to be praying or in prayer at least thirteen times.
Questions on the Text

1. To whom was this book addressed?

2. According to verse five, when did the events in this chapter take place?

3. According to verse six, what kind of people were Zacharias and Elizabeth?

4. What did the angel tell Zacharias and Elizabeth to name the child to be born to them? According to verse 17, what was prophesied that their child would do?

5. After Gabriel’s visit, what was Zacharias unable to do?

6. Who did Gabriel visit in the city of Nazareth? What did he tell them?

7. According to verses 32 and 33, what was Mary’s child to do?

8. After the angel’s visit, who did Mary go to see? What happened when Mary arrived there?

9. When their son was born to Zacharias and Elizabeth, what did the people want to name him? What was he named instead? Why was he given that name?

10. Who, according to verse 67, enabled Zacharias to prophesy?

11. According to verse 76, what was the child to be called? What was he to do?

Matching

____ 1. Zacharias  A. Betrothed to Mary.
____ 2. Elizabeth        B. Was in the desert to the day of his manifestation to Israel.
____ 3. Mary              C. Of the division of Abijah.
____ 5. John              E. Of the daughters of Aaron.

True - False

T  F  1. Zecharias’ duty as a priest was to burn incense in the temple.
T  F  2. Zecharias and Elizabeth were very young when their son was born.
T  F  3. The Son of Mary was to sit on the throne of His father Abraham.
T  F  4. During her pregnancy, Mary stayed with Elizabeth for three months.

Discussion Question

According to verse 15, John was to be great in the sight of the Lord and drink neither wine nor strong drink. How are those two things related? If one is going to be great in the sight of the Lord today, can he drink wine or strong drink? Explain.
Luke Chapter Two

Keys to This Chapter

**Key Passage:** Verses 10-11

“Then the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you tidings of great joy which will be to all the people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.’”

**Key People**
Caesar Augustus
Quirinius
Joseph
David
Mary
Jesus
Simeon
Anna

**Key Places**
Syria
Galilee
Nazareth
Bethlehem
Jerusalem

**Key Words**
Decree
Census
Lineage
Swaddling
Goodwill
Fastings
Subject
Wisdom
Stature

Questions on the Text

1. What did Caesar Augustus decree should be done?

2. In order to be registered, where did every person go? Where did Joseph go?

3. Why was Jesus born in a stable?

4. To whom did an angel announce the birth of Jesus? What did he tell them this baby was?

5. What did the shepherds do after seeing the baby Jesus?

6. Why did Joseph and Mary take their baby to Jerusalem? What sacrifice did they offer?

7. What man met Mary and Joseph in the temple? Why was he there? What had God promised him?

8. What woman met Mary and Joseph in the temple? What did she do upon seeing them and their baby?

9. According to verse 41, where did Joseph and Mary go every year? Why?

10. When Jesus was 12 years old, what happened on a visit to the temple?

11. What was the reaction of those who heard the boy Jesus teaching in the temple?

12. What did Jesus reply when His mother asked Him why He had stayed behind in the temple?

13. What, according to verse 51, was Jesus’ attitude toward His parents?

14. What does it mean that Mary “kept all these things in her heart?” (v. 51)

15. In what areas did Jesus grow and develop?

True - False

T  F  1. Julius Caesar decreed the all the world should be registered.
T  F  2. Joseph took Mary and went from Bethlehem to Nazareth.
T  F  3. After visiting the baby of Mary, the shepherds went back to the fields and told no one of their visit.
T  F  4. The Feast of the Passover occurred every year.
T  F  5. Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem when His family headed back to Nazareth.

Discussion Question

Seeing that Jesus grew in four distinct areas, tell how one is to grow in those same areas today.
Luke Chapter Three

Questions on the Text
1. According to verse one, when did the events in this chapter take place?

2. Where did the word of God come to John?

3. What, according to verse three, did John do?

4. Summarize the prophecy of Isaiah made concerning John which is found in verses four through six.

5. What did John ask the multitudes who came to be baptized by him? (v. 7) What did he tell them to do? (v. 8)

6. What, in verse 11, did John command the people to do?

7. What did John command the tax collectors to do?

8. What did John command the soldiers to do?

9. Who did the people think John may be? What was his answer to their speculations?

10. Why did Herod put John in prison?

11. What happened when John baptized Jesus?

12. How old was Jesus when He began His ministry?

Matching
____ 1. Tiberius Caesar A. Tetrach of Galilee.
____ 2. Pontius Pilate B. Tetrach of Abilene.
____ 3. Herod C. High Priest.
____ 5. Lysanias E. Father of John.
____ 7. Zacharias G. Wife of Philip.
____ 8. Herodias H. Governor of Judea.

Discussion Question
Why do you think the genealogy of Jesus is included in this chapter?
Questions on the Text

1. Where did the Holy Spirit lead Jesus after His baptism?
2. For how many days was Jesus tempted? Who tempted Him?
3. What was the first temptation? What was Jesus’ reply?
4. What was the second temptation? What was Jesus’ reply?
5. What was the third temptation? What was Jesus’ reply?
6. What happened after the third temptation? (v. 13)
7. What did Jesus do after the temptations were finished?
8. What did Jesus do in Nazareth?
9. How did the people in the synagogue in Nazareth react to Jesus? What was His response? What, then, did the people do to Him? Were they successful? Why or why not?
10. After Jesus left Nazareth, where did He go? What was the reaction of the people to Him there?
11. While in Capernaum, what did a demon say to Him before Jesus cast him out of a man?
12. What were the people’s reactions when they witnessed Jesus casting out that demon and heard what He said to it?
13. After leaving the synagogue in Capernaum, where did Jesus go? What did He find there? What did Jesus do in reference to what He found?
14. What, according to verses 40 through 41, did Jesus do that evening?
15. When the crowd tried to keep Him from leaving them, what did Jesus say was His purpose in being sent to earth?

True - False

T F 1. Jesus fasted for forty days in the wilderness.
T F 2. After the temptation in the wilderness, Satan departed and never tempted Jesus again.
T F 3. While in the synagogue in Nazareth, Jesus read from the book of Jeremiah.
T F 4. Naaman was cleansed of leprosy during the prophetic ministry of Elisha.
T F 5. The apostle Peter never married.

Discussion Question

How was Jesus able to get away from the people of Nazareth who tried to throw Him off a cliff?
Luke Chapter Five

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 32
“I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

Key People
Jesus
Simon Peter
James
John
Zebedee
Moses
Levi
John the Baptist

Key Places
Lake of Gennesaret
Galilee
Judea
Jerusalem

Key Words
Forsook
Leprosy
Testimony
Infirmities
Paralyzed
Blasphemies
Fast
Wineskins

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text
1. Why did Jesus get into Simon’s boat?
2. Why was Simon reluctant to cast his net into the sea? What happened when he did?
3. Who were Simon’s fishing partners?
4. What did Jesus tell these fishermen they would catch from now on? Upon hearing this, what did they do?
5. What did Jesus tell the man whom He had cleansed of leprosy to do?
6. Why, according to verse 15, did great multitudes come to Jesus?
7. What did Jesus tell the paralyzed man who had been brought to him to be healed? (v. 20) Why did He tell him that? (v. 24)
8. Who did Jesus meet at a tax office? What did He command him to do?
9. Why did the scribes and Pharisees complain against Jesus? (v. 30) What was Jesus’ response?
10. Whom did Jesus “come to call?” (v. 32)
11. Why did Jesus say His disciples did not fast even though the disciples of John the Baptist did?
12. What parable did Jesus teach about garments?
13. What parable did Jesus teach about wineskins?

Matching

____ 1. Simon Peter
____ 2. James and John
____ 3. Scribes and Pharisees
____ 4. Zebedee
____ 5. Jesus
____ 6. Levi
____ 7. John the Baptist

A. Father of James and John.
B. Had power on earth to forgive sin.
C. His disciples fasted.
D. Said, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man.”
E. Accused Jesus of blasphemy.
F. Fishing partners of Simon.
G. A tax collector.

Discussion Question
Why is God the only one who can forgive sin?
Luke Chapter Six

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 46
“‘But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say?’”

Key People
Jesus
Simon
Andrew
James
John
Philip
Bartholomew
Matthew
Thomas
James, son of Alphaeus
Simon the Zealot
Judas the son of James
Judas Iscariot

Key Places
Judea
Jerusalem
Tyre
Sidon

Key Words
Sabbath
Showbread
Withered
Apostles
Spitefully
Plank
Speck
Hypocrite
Foundation
Lord

Questions on the Text
1. Why were the Pharisees upset that Jesus plucked grain and also healed on the Sabbath?
2. Name the twelve apostles.
3. According to verses 20 through 23, who are blessed?
4. According to verses 24 through 26, who has woe upon them?
5. How is a person to treat others? (v. 31)
6. According to verse 35, to whom is God kind?
7. Why is one to forgive others? (v. 37)
8. What does it mean to remove the “plank” from your own eye before trying to remove the “speck” from your brother’s eye?
9. By what, according to verse 44, is a tree known? What application did Jesus make of this to man?
10. In order to have Jesus as his “Lord,” what must a person do? (v. 46)

Matching
____ 1. The poor
____ 2. Those who now hunger
____ 3. Those who now weep
____ 4. Those who men hate
____ 5. The rich
____ 6. Those who are full
____ 7. Those who now laugh
____ 8. Those who all speak well of
A. Shall be filled.
B. Shall hunger.
C. Received their consolation.
D. Theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
E. Woe to them.
F. Rejoice and leap for joy.
G. Shall mourn and weep.
H. Shall laugh.

True - False
T  F  1. David ate showbread from the house of God.
T  F  2. A disciple is above his teacher.

Discussion Question
Why is hearing and doing the words of Jesus like building a house on a foundation of rock?
Luke Chapter Seven

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 28
“For I say to you, among those born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

Key People
Jesus
Centurion
Centurion’s servant
John the Baptist
Simon

Key Places
Capernaum
Nain
Judea

Key Words
Centurion
Deserving
Synagogue
Authority
Faith
Compassion
Offended
Prophet
Glutton
Winebibber
Alabaster

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text
1. What request did some elders of the Jews in behalf of a centurion make of Jesus?
2. What did the elders say about the centurion’s character?
3. Why, according to his message to Jesus given by his friends, did the centurion not come to Jesus himself?
4. Why did Jesus marvel at the centurion’s message? (v. 9)
5. What did Jesus do for the centurion’s servant?
6. What did Jesus see by the gate of the city of Nain? What did He do about it?
7. What was the reaction of the people to the miracle Jesus performed at Nain?
8. Why did John the Baptist send two messengers to Jesus?
9. What did Jesus tell the two messengers to say to John the Baptist?
10. Who did Jesus say was greater than the John the Baptist?
11. How, according to verse 30, had the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the will of God?
12. Who asked Jesus to eat with him?
13. While at His host’s house, who came to Jesus? What did she do for Him? What was His host’s reaction?
14. According to verses 42; 43; and 49; who will love more?
15. What was the reaction of those who were sitting at the table with Jesus when they heard His teaching? (v. 49)

Matching
___ 1. Simon  A. Sent two messengers to Jesus.
___ 2. Centurion  B. Was healed by Jesus.
___ 3. Centurion’s servant  C. Anointed Jesus with oil.
___ 4. A woman of the city  D. Invited Jesus to a meal.
___ 5. John the Baptist  E. Sent elders of the Jews to Jesus.

Discussion Question
Did John the Baptist, by sending messengers to Jesus, show a lack of faith?
Questions on the Text
1. What did Jesus do in every city and village?
2. Who, at this time, accompanied Jesus as He traveled?
3. Briefly summarize the parable of the sower.
4. Why, according to verse 10, did Jesus teach in parables?
5. Give Jesus’ explanation of the parable of the sower.
6. What was Jesus’ response when He was informed that His mother and brothers had come to visit Him?
7. Briefly describe what happened when Jesus and His disciples got into a boat.
8. When Jesus met a man in the country of the Gadarenes who was possessed by demons, what did the demons say about Him?
9. Seeing they were going to be cast out of the man by Him, where did the demons beg Jesus not to cast them? Where did they want to be cast?
10. Seeing the results of this miracle, what did the Gadarenes ask Jesus to do? (vv. 34-39)
11. What did Jesus do for Jairus?
12. What happened to Jesus while the multitudes thronged around Him?

True - False
T F 1. The seed in the parable of the sower is the word of God.
T F 2. One lights a lamp and then covers it with a vessel or puts it under a bed.
T F 3. Nothing is secret that will not be revealed.
T F 4. Jesus rebuked the wind and waves and they ceased and there was calm.
T F 5. The demons were called “Legion” because there were but a few of them.
T F 6. Jesus cast out the demons into a herd of cattle.
T F 7. The Gadarenes, filled with faith, asked Jesus to stay in their country.
T F 8. Jairus’ daughter was 12 years old when Jesus restored her to life.

Discussion Question
Having already seen Jesus perform many miracles, why do you think the disciples were so amazed when He calmed the winds and waves?
Luke Chapter Nine

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 25
“For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?”

Key People
Twelve disciples
Herod the tetrarch
John
Elijah
Peter
Moses

Key Places
Bethsaida
Jerusalem

Key Words
Power
Authority
Tabernacles
Betrayed
Dispute

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text
1. What did Jesus give to His disciples?
2. What did Jesus send His disciples to do?
3. What were the disciples not to take on their journey?
4. Why did Herod the tetrarch want to see Jesus?
5. What did Jesus use to feed the multitudes who had followed Him and His disciples to the desert?
6. How many baskets of left-overs remained after the multitude had been fed?
7. Who did the multitudes think Jesus might be?
8. Who did Peter say Jesus was?
9. What, according to verse 23, must one do who wants to follow Jesus?
10. What did Jesus say that some of the people who were present that day would see before they died? (v. 27)
11. Who appeared with Jesus on a mountain where He had gone with Peter, James and John? About what did they talk?
12. How was Jesus’ appearance changed while He was on that mountain?
13. What did Peter suggest be done on that mountain? Who answered Peter? What did He say?
14. What did Jesus do for a man who called out to Him from the multitude?
15. What did Jesus tell His disciples was about to happen to Him? (vv. 43-44)
16. What were the disciples of Jesus disputing?
17. How did Jesus answer the dispute of His disciples?
18. What did John tell Jesus he saw? What did John do when he saw it? What did Jesus tell John he was to do?
19. What did James and John want to do to some Samaritans? Why did they want to do that? What was Jesus’ response to them?
20. Who, according to verse 62, is unfit for the kingdom of heaven?

Discussion Question
What, based upon verses 57 through 61, do you think Jesus thinks of people who make excuses for not following Him?

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Luke Chapter Ten

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 27
“So he answered and said, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.’”

Key People
Jesus
The 70 disciples
Satan
A certain lawyer
Martha
Mary

Key Places
Sodom
Chorazin
Bethsaida
Tyre
Sidon
Capernaum
Jerusalem
Jericho

Key Words
Tolerable
Hades
Lawyer
Justify
Neighbor
Levite
Compassion
Denarii
Distracted

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text
1. What did Jesus appoint 70 disciples to do?
2. Briefly summarize how these 70 were to act on their journey.
3. When these disciples returned to Him, what did they report to Jesus? What was His response?
4. According to verse 22, who knows the Son? Who knows the Father?
5. Why, in verses 23 and 24, did Jesus say His disciples were blessed?
6. What did a certain lawyer ask of Jesus? Why did he ask this question?
7. What did Jesus ask this lawyer? What was his response?
8. Why did Jesus teach the parable found in this chapter?
9. Briefly summarize the parable.
10. Why was Martha upset with her sister Mary? What did Jesus tell her?

Matching
___ 1. Martha
___ 2. Certain lawyer
___ 3. Priest
___ 4. Mary
___ 5. Samaritan
A. Passed by on the other side.
B. Chose that good part.
C. Distracted with much serving.
D. Had compassion.
E. Tested Jesus.

True - False
T F 1. Jesus sent the 70 disciples out two by two.
T F 2. Demons were not subject to the 70 disciples.
T F 3. God hid things from the “wise and prudent” but “revealed them to babes.”
T F 4. The disciples were to rejoice because their names are written in heaven.
T F 5. The Levite showed compassion on the man who had been beaten and robbed.

Discussion Question
What do you think Jesus meant when He said He “saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven?”
Luke Chapter Eleven

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 23
“He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters.”

Key People
Jesus
John the Baptist
Beelzebub
Satan
Jonah
Queen of the South
Solomon
Abel
Zechariah

Key Places
Nineveh

Key Words
Hallowed
Persistence
Scorpion
Desolation
Mint
Rue
Prophets
Assail
Vehemently

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text
1. What request did His disciples make of Jesus? (v. 1)
2. To whom is prayer directed?
3. For what does the friend at midnight ask? Why is he given that for which he asks?
4. Who did some say gave Jesus power to cast out demons? (v. 15) By whose power did He cast them out?
5. According to verse 28, who did Jesus say was blessed?
6. What sign did Jesus say would be given to the people?
7. What is the lamp of the body? What happens if it is good? What happens if it is bad?
8. Who did Jesus call hypocrites? (vv. 39-44) Why did He call them that?
9. What had the people done to the prophets God had sent to them? (v. 49)
10. What did the scribes and Pharisees do in relation to Jesus? Why? (vv. 53-54)

Matching
1. Beelzebub
2. Jonah
3. Queen of the South
4. John
5. Zechariah

A. Heard the wisdom of Solomon.
B. Ruler of the demons.
C. Perished between the altar and the temple.
D. A sign to the Ninevites.
E. Taught his disciples to pray.

True - False
1. Everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds.
2. Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation.
3. Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it.
4. If your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of light.
5. The Pharisees had passed by justice and the love of God.

Discussion Question
What was the sign of the prophet Jonah?
Questions on the Text
1. What is the leaven of the Pharisees?
2. Of whom should one not be afraid? (v. 4) Who should one fear? (v. 5)
3. Who will Jesus confess before angels? Who will He deny?
4. What, according to verse 10, will not be forgiven?
5. According to verse 15, of what should one beware? Why?
6. Why did Jesus call the rich man in the parable a “fool?”
7. According to verse 30, what does the Father know?
8. Who, according to verse 37, is blessed? For whose coming should we be prepared? (v. 40)
9. What did Jesus come to send on earth? (v. 49) What did Jesus come to give? (v. 51)
10. Instead of judging the weather, what should a person judge? (v. 54-57)

Matching
___ 1. Five sparrows A. Neither toil nor spin.
___ 2. The ravens B. Sold for two copper coins.
___ 3. The lilies C. Clothed by God.
___ 4. The grass D. Given the kingdom.
___ 5. Little flock E. Neither sow nor reap.

True - False
T F 1. That which is spoken in the dark will be heard in the light.
T F 2. Life is more than food.
T F 3. Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.
T F 4. Much is required of those who are given little.
T F 5. Jesus came to give peace on earth.

Discussion Question
In the parable in this chapter, is Jesus teaching that it is a sin to be successful in business? If so, why? If not, why not?
Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 3

"I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish."

Key People
Jesus
Galileans
Pilate
Abraham
Isaac
Jacob
Pharisees
Herod

Key Places
Siloam
Jerusalem

Key Words
Mingled
Repent
Perish
Infirmity
Indignation
Glorified
Adversaries
Mustard seed
Leaven
Iniquity
Desolate

Questions on the Text

1. What did Jesus say would happen to those who do not repent?
2. In the parable of the fig tree, why would this fig tree be cut down?
3. Why was the ruler of the synagogue upset with Jesus? (v. 14)
4. To what did Jesus liken the kingdom of God in verses 18 and 19?
5. To what did Jesus liken the kingdom of God in verses 20 and 21?
6. What was Jesus’ answer to the question, “Lord, are there few who are saved? (vv. 23-24)
7. According to verse 27, who will Jesus tell to depart from Him?
8. Who, according to verse 31, wanted to kill Jesus?
9. What had Jerusalem done to prophets who had been sent to her?
10. What had Jesus wanted to do for the “children of Jerusalem?”

Matching

___1. Fig tree  A. Became a large tree.
___2. Ox  B. Bore no fruit for three years.
___3. Mustard seed  C. Herod.
___4. Fox  D. Gathered her brood.
___5. Hen  E. Loosed from his stall on the Sabbath.

True - False

T F 1. The tower of Siloam fell and killed 18 people.
T F 2. A woman had a spirit of infirmity for 19 years.
T F 3. A woman hid leaven in two measures of meal.
T F 4. Those who are last will be first and those who are first will be last.
T F 5. Jesus said He would be perfected on the third day.

Discussion Question

When Jesus said those who would not repent would “perish,” of what death was He speaking?
**Questions on the Text**

1. What were lawyers and Pharisees doing while Jesus ate bread at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees?

2. What was the response of the lawyers and Pharisees when Jesus asked them if it were lawful to heal on the Sabbath?

3. Why did Jesus speak a parable? (v. 7)

4. Who will be humbled? Who will be exalted? (v. 11)

5. Who did Jesus say should be invited when one gives a feast? Why?

6. What was the response of those who were invited to a great feast? (vv. 16-20) What did the master of the feast have his servant do?

7. What did Jesus say a person must do to be His disciple? (vv. 26-27)

8. What does one who intends to build a tower do? Why? (vv. 28-30)

9. According to verse 33, what must one do in order to be a disciple of Christ?

10. What should be done with salt that loses its flavor?

**Matching**

1. Man with dropsy  
   A. Sit in lowest places.

2. Pharisees and lawyers  
   B. Sent delegation.

3. Those invited to a wedding feast  
   C. Made excuse.

4. Those invited to a great feast  
   D. Healed.

5. King  
   E. Kept silent.

**True - False**

1. T  The Pharisees and lawyers rebuked Jesus while He ate bread at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees.

2. F  If you are invited to a feast, you should sit in the best place.

3. T  Whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

4. T  One must bear his cross and come after Jesus in order to be His disciple.

5. T  “He who has eyes, let him hear.”

**Discussion Question**

What does it mean to “hate” father, mother, wife and children, and brothers and sisters?”


**Luke Chapter Fifteen**

**Keys to This Chapter**

**Key Passage:** Verse 7

“I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.”

**Key People**
- Jesus
- Tax collector
- Sinners
- Pharisees
- Scribes

**Key Words**
- Parable
- Rejoice
- Prodigal
- Swine

**Key Lesson**

**Questions on the Text**
1. Who drew near to Jesus? Why? (v. 1)
2. What was the complaint of the Pharisees and scribes? (v. 2)
3. Briefly relate the parable of the lost sheep.
4. What is the reaction in heaven when one sinner repents?
5. Briefly relate the parable of the lost coin.
6. In the parable of the lost son, what demand did the younger son make of his father? (v. 12)
7. Where did the younger son go? What did he do while there?
8. What was the younger son doing when he came to himself?
9. Where did the younger son determine to go when he came to himself?
10. What kind of reception did the father give to his returning son?
11. What kind of reception did the older brother give to his returning brother?
12. What was the older son’s complaint to his father? What was his father’s response?

**Matching**

| 1. Tax collectors and sinners | A. Complained that Jesus received sinners. |
| 2. Pharisees and scribes | B. Lights a lamp and sweeps the house. |
| 3. Man with 100 sheep | C. Wasted his inheritance on prodigal living. |
| 4. Woman | D. Angry and would not come in. |
| 5. Father with two sons | E. Sent younger son into his fields to feed swine. |
| 6. Younger son | F. Drew near to Jesus to hear Him. |
| 7. Citizen of far country | G. Had compassion, fell on his neck and kissed him. |
| 8. Older brother | H. Goes after the lost one. |

**Discussion Question**

In what ways does the father in the parable of the lost son compare to God, the heavenly Father?
Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 13

“No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”

Key People
Jesus
Pharisees
Rich man
Lazarus
Abraham

Key Words
Steward
Accusation
Shrewdly
Mammon
Derided
Justify
Abomination
Tittle
Sumptuously
Gulf

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text
1. What had the rich man heard about his steward? What did he do about it?
2. Who did the steward call to him? What did he do for them? Why did he do that?
3. When his master heard what the steward had done, what did he do? Why did he do that?
4. What was the lesson Jesus intended His hearers to learn from this steward?
5. According to verse 13, what can no servant do? Why?
6. What did the Pharisees love? (v. 14)
7. According to verse 15, what does God know?
8. According to verse 16, what was preached from the time of John the Baptist?
9. Which is easier: heaven and earth to pass away or one tittle of the law to fail?
10. According to verse 18, who is guilty of committing adultery?
11. Who was Lazarus? What did he desire?
12. What happened to Lazarus when he died?
13. What happened to the rich man when he died?
14. What did the rich man ask of Abraham? Why?
15. What was Abraham’s response to the rich man?
16. Seeing Abraham would not meet his request, what did the rich man then ask of Abraham?
17. What was the response of Abraham this time?
18. To whom did the rich man say his brothers would listen?

True - False
T F 1. The steward increased the debts of each of the debtors.
T F 2. The master condemned the steward for his actions.
T F 3. “Make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon.”
T F 4. The one who is faithful in what is least is also faithful in much.
T F 5. You can serve God and mammon.
T F 6. The rich man was in torments in Hades.
T F 7. The brothers of the rich man were told to hear Jesus.

Discussion Question
How can one serve mammon?
### Keys to This Chapter

#### Key Passage: Verses 20-21
“Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, ‘The kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, ‘See here!’ or ‘See there!’ For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you.’”

#### Key People
- Jesus
- Disciples
- Nine lepers
- Samaritan leper
- Pharisees
- Noah
- Lot
- Lot’s wife

#### Key Places
- Jerusalem
- Samaria
- Galilee
- Sodom

#### Key Words
- Offenses
- Millstone
- Lepers
- Brimstone
- Kingdom
- Observation

#### Questions on the Text
1. What, according to verse two, would be better than to “offend one of these little ones?”

2. If your brother sins against you, what should you do?

3. If your brother repents of his sin against you, what should you do?

4. What request did His disciples make of Jesus? (v. 5)

5. What can one who has faith as a mustard seed be able to do?

6. Does a master thank a servant when he has done that which he was commanded to do?

7. What, according to verse 10, are those who have done all that God has commanded them to do?

8. How many lepers did Jesus heal? How many thanked Him?

9. What does not come with observation?

10. According to Jesus, where is the kingdom of God?

11. What would happen to the Son of Man? (v. 25)

12. What will be as the days of Noah and Lot?

13. Why should one remember Lot’s wife?

14. Who will lose his life? Who will save his life?

15. Where will the eagles gather?

#### True - False
- T  F  1. Offenses will come.
- T  F  2. Even if your brother does not repent, you must still forgive him.
- T  F  3. Those servants who do all they are commanded to do are profitable servants.
- T  F  4. Nine of the lepers Jesus healed returned to glorify God.
- T  F  5. In His day, the Son of Man will be as lightning.

#### Discussion Question
How is the kingdom of God “within you?”

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Luke Chapter Eighteen

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 27
“But He said, ‘The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.’”

Key People
Jesus
A certain ruler
A certain blind man
Peter

Key Places
Jerusalem
Jericho
Nazareth

Key Words
Parable
Regard
Justice
Adversary
Avenge
Elect
Extortioners
Tithes
Impossible
Possible
Scourge

Questions on the Text
1. Why did Jesus speak the parable that begins in verse two?
2. What will God do for His elect who cry out day and night to Him?
3. Why did Jesus speak the parable that begins in verse 10?
4. In the above parable, why was:
   a. The Pharisee rejected?
   b. The tax collector justified?
5. Why did Jesus allow the little children to come to Him?
6. How, according to verse 17, is one to receive the kingdom of God?
7. What did a ruler ask of Jesus? (v. 18)
8. What did Jesus tell the ruler that he was to do if he wanted eternal life? (v. 22)
9. What was the ruler’s response to Jesus’ command? Why? (v. 23)
10. According to verse 24, for whom is it hard to enter the kingdom of God?
11. With whom is the impossible possible? (v. 27)
12. Who will receive “many times more in this present time, and in the age to come eternal life?”
13. What did Jesus tell “the twelve” would happen to Him in Jerusalem?
14. Did “the twelve” understand what Jesus told them? Why?
15. What did Jesus do for a blind man in Jericho? What did Jesus tell him had made him well?

True - False
T  F  1. Men always ought to pray.
T  F  2. The Pharisee in this chapter prayed, “God be merciful to me a sinner!”
T  F  3. The disciples welcomed the infants who were brought to Jesus.
T  F  4. It is easier for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God than for a camel to go through the eye of a needle.
T  F  5. The blind man who received his sight followed Jesus, glorifying God.

Discussion Question
Why is it difficult for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God?
Luke Chapter Nineteen

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 10
“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

Key People
Jesus
Zacchaeus
Abraham
Two of Jesus’ disciples
Owners of a colt
Pharisees
Those who bought and sold in the temple
Chief priests, scribes and leaders

Key Places
Jericho
Jerusalem
Bethphage
Bethany
Olivet (Mount of Olives)

Key Words
Stature
Accusation
Fourfold
Mina(s)
Authority
Austere
Rebuke
Embankment
Visitation
Attentive

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text
2. Why could not the man in the above question see Jesus? What did he do so that he could see him?
3. What did Jesus say to this man? What was his response?
4. Whose son did Jesus say this man was?
5. According to verse 10, why did the Son of Man come to earth?
6. Why did Jesus speak the parable that begins in verse 12?
7. What did Jesus send two of His disciples to do? (v. 30)
8. As Jesus rode on the colt, what did the multitude of disciples shout? (v. 38)
9. What did the Pharisees want Jesus to do to His disciples?
10. What did Jesus say would happen if He carried out the desire of the Pharisees in regard to His disciples?
12. What did Jesus do when He went into the temple?
13. What, according to verse 46, was the temple to be? What had those who bought and sold in it made it?
14. What, according to verse 47, did Jesus do daily?
15. What did the chief priests, scribes and leaders want to do with Jesus? Why did they not do it?

Matching

____ 1. Zacchaeus
____ 2. Two disciples
____ 3. Pharisees
____ 4. Chief priests
____ 5. Whole multitude of disciples

A. Shouted that Jesus was a King.
B. Sought to destroy Jesus.
C. Had Jesus as a guest.
D. Told Jesus to rebuke His disciples.
E. Fetched a colt for Jesus.

Discussion Question
What was involved in Jesus’ purpose “to seek and to save that which was lost?”
Luke Chapter Twenty

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 25
“And He said to them, ‘Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’”

Key People
Jesus
Chief priests, scribes and elders
John
Caesar
Sadducees
Moses
Abraham
Isaac
Jacob
David

Key Words
Gospel
Authority
Prophet
Cornerstone
Craftiness
Denarius
Resurrection
Synagogue
Pretense
Condemnation

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text
1. What did the chief priests, scribes, and elders ask of Jesus?
2. What did Jesus ask of the chief priests, scribes, and elders?
3. What was the response of the chief priests, scribes, and elders to Jesus’ question? What was His response to them?
4. In the parable in verses 9 through 16, what did the vinedressers do to:
   a. The first servant?
   b. The second servant?
   c. The third servant?
   d. The master’s son?
5. In the above parable, what did the master do to the vinedressers?
6. What did the chief priests and scribes conclude about this parable? What did that make them want to do? Why did they not do it? (v. 19)
7. What did His enemies ask Jesus in verse 22?
8. What was Jesus’ answer to the above question? What was the reaction of those who had asked the question?
9. In what did the sect of the Sadducees not believe?
10. What question did the Sadducees ask Jesus?
11. What was Jesus’ answer to the above question?
12. What Old Testament characters are mentioned in verses 37 through 44 to show that there is life after death?
13. What did some of the scribes say about Jesus’ teaching on the resurrection?
14. Of whom did Jesus tell His disciples to beware? Why?
15. Who will receive “greater condemnation?”

Matching
___ 1. Caesar  A. Taught baptism.
___ 2. John    B. The Lord is the God of.
___ 3. Moses   C. Inscription is on a denarius.
___ 4. David  D. Calls the Son “Lord.”
___ 5. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob E. Showed the dead are raised.

Discussion Question
Why was it important to know whether the baptism of John was from heaven or from men?
Luke Chapter Twenty-One

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 33
"'Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will be no means pass away.'"

Key People
Jesus
The rich
A certain poor widow
Gentiles

Key Places
Jerusalem
Judea
Olivet

Key Words
Mites
Abundance
Famines
Pestilences
Testimony
Meditate
Adversaries
Betrayed
Desolation
Vengeance
Redemption
Carousing
Snare

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text
1. Why did Jesus say the widow who put only “two mites” in the treasury had “put in more than all,” even the rich? (v. 4)
2. What did Jesus say would happen to the temple? (v. 6)
3. Hearing what would happen to the temple, what did they ask of Jesus?
4. What did Jesus say would be “signs” they would see? (vv. 8-11)
5. What would happen to the disciples? (v. 12) What would be the end result of this? (v. 13)
6. What will the adversaries of the disciples not be able to do? (v. 15)
7. Who, according to verse 16, will betray the disciples?
8. Why will the disciples be hated? (v. 17)
9. According to verse 20, when will the disciples know the desolation is near?
10. Who will trample Jerusalem? (v. 24)
11. When would the disciples know “the kingdom of God is near?” (v. 31)
12. When were these things to take place? (v. 32)
13. What, according to verse 33, will pass away?
14. What, according to verse 33, will not pass away?
15. At this time, what was Jesus doing in the daytime? What was He doing at night?

True - False
T F  1. What the rich put in the treasury was out of their abundance.
T F  2. Those in Judea were to flee from the mountains.
T F  3. Jerusalem was to be trampled by the Gentiles.
T F  4. They were to see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.
T F  5. Heaven and earth will not pass away.

Discussion Question
Why were the two mites the widow gave more than all the rich had given? What principle does this teach?
**Luke Chapter Twenty-Two**

**Keys to This Chapter**

**Key Passage:** Verse 70
“Then they all said, ‘Are You then the Son of God?’ So He said to them, ‘You rightly say that I am.’”

**Key People**
- Jesus
- Chief priests, scribes, captains and elders
- Satan
- Judas
- Peter
- John
- A man carrying a water pitcher
- The twelve apostles
- Simon
- Servant of the high priest
- A certain servant girl

**Key Places**
- Mount of Olives

**Key Words**
- Feast of Unleavened Bread
- Passover
- Remembrance
- Covenant
- Dispute
- Bestowing
- Sift
- Transgressors
- Agony
- Bitterly

**Key Lesson**

**Questions on the Text**
1. What is the Feast of Unleavened Bread called?
2. About what did Judas confer with the chief priests and scribes?
3. What did the chief priests and scribes give Judas?
4. What did Jesus tell Peter and John to do?
5. Where was Jesus going to observe the Passover with His disciples?
6. What did Jesus say the bread was? (v. 19)
7. What did Jesus say the cup was? (v. 22)
8. What dispute arose among the disciples? (v. 24)
9. In verse 26, what did Jesus say:
   a. The greatest should be?
   b. The one who governs should be?
10. What was Jesus bestowing upon His disciples?
11. Who had asked to sift Simon as wheat?
12. What did Jesus tell Peter he would do before the rooster crowed that day?
13. For what did Jesus pray? (v. 42)
14. Who appeared to Jesus while He was praying? What did he do for Jesus?
15. How did Judas identify Jesus to the multitudes who had come to arrest Him? (vv. 47-48)
16. What happened to the servant of the high priest? What did Jesus do in response to that?
17. Following His arrest, where was Jesus taken?
18. Who followed Jesus from afar? What did he do in relation to Jesus? What did he do immediately after that?
19. What did the men who held Jesus do to Him? (vv. 63-64)
20. What did the council command of Jesus? (v. 67) What was Jesus’ response? (v. 70)

**Discussion Question**
Since he later denied Jesus times, do you think Peter was lying when he said in verse 33 that he was ready to go to prison or even death with Him? Explain your answer.
Questions on the Text
1. What accusation against Jesus did the multitude make to Pilate?
2. What, in verse two, did Pilate ask of Jesus? What was His answer?
3. What was Pilate’s first conclusion about Jesus? (v. 4)
4. What did Pilate do when he found out Jesus was a Galilean?
5. What was Herod’s initial reaction to seeing Jesus? Why?
6. Before he sent Him back to Pilate, what did Herod do to Jesus?
7. What, according to verse 16, did Pilate now want to do with Jesus? Why? (v. 15)
8. What was the reaction of the chief priests, rulers and people to Pilate’s plan? (v. 18)
9. What, ultimately, did Pilate do? (vv. 24-25)
10. Who bore the cross of Jesus?
11. Who was crucified with Jesus?
12. What inscription was placed on Jesus’ cross?
13. Who asked Jesus to remember him when He came in His kingdom? (vv. 39-42)
14. What happened from the sixth hour to the ninth hour of the day?
15. What did Jesus say before he breathed His last?
16. What did the centurion say of Jesus? What caused him to reach that conclusion?
17. What did “the whole crowd” do when they saw what had been done?
18. Who asked Pilate for the body of Jesus? What kind of man was he?
19. What was done with the body of Jesus? (v. 53)
20. Who returned to Jesus’ tomb with spices and fragrant oils?

Discussion Question
Can a person today be saved in the same way the thief on the cross was saved?
**Questions on the Text**

1. What did those who came to Jesus’ tomb on the first day of the week find? (v. 2) What did they not find? (v. 3)

2. Who was standing by Jesus’ tomb? How were they attired? (v. 4)

3. What did those who stood by the tomb tell the women who had come to the tomb? (vv. 5-7)

4. Who did the women tell what had happened at Jesus’ tomb? (v. 9) What was their reaction? (v. 11)

5. Upon hearing what the women said, what did Peter do?

6. Who appeared to two men who were traveling to Emmaus? What did He tell them? (v. 27)

7. Why did these men not recognize Jesus? (v. 16) When did they recognize Him? (vv. 30-31)

8. Where did these men go after Jesus left them? Who did they see?

9. Who appeared to the disciples? (v. 36) What was their reaction? (v. 37)

10. What did the disciples think Jesus was? (v. 37) What did He do to convince them that it was Him? (vv. 39-40)

11. What did Jesus tell the disciples had to be fulfilled?

12. Why did Jesus open the understanding of the disciples?

13. According to verse 46, what was necessary for the Christ to do?

14. What was to be preached in the name of Christ?

15. Where were the disciples to tarry? For what were they to wait?

**Matching**

1. Galilee  
2. Emmaus  
3. Jerusalem  
4. Nazareth  
5. Bethany  

A. A village seven miles from Jerusalem.  
B. Where Jesus lived as a boy.  
C. Where Jesus first appeared to the eleven.  
D. Where Jesus spoke of the resurrection to the women who had come to the tomb.  
E. Where Jesus led the disciples just before He parted from them.

**Discussion Question**

What does it mean to preach “repentance and remission of sins?”