

The Gospel of Luke

*. **Authorship: Who wrote this Gospel?**

Luke and Acts written by same author

Both addressed to Theophilus

Facts: Luke was a Gentile, a physician, an associate of Paul, and educated

*. **Audience: To whom was it written?**

Theophilus: Roman Government official

Intended for Gentile readers as well

*. **Purpose: Why was it written?**

Luke 1:1-4: To give an orderly and accurate account for the purpose of witness

*. **Occasion: What situation caused it to be written?**

How did the Gospel of a Jewish Savior come to be the Gospel for the Gentiles?

How does the Gospel impact Theophilus?

*. **Theme: What is the main topic?**

Jesus, the Savior, is for all the world.

*. **Additional Information:**

Written about 80-90 AD after the writing of Mark

Luke was probably in Rome when he wrote the Gospel

Luke traces Jesus' genealogy to Adam – the first man – to demonstrate that Jesus is for all men.

Emphases: Biographical in nature (emphasis upon individuals), Prayer emphasis,

Emphasis upon the work of the Holy Spirit, Emphasis upon the role of

women, Emphasis upon the value of outcasts in the eyes of Jesus

Luke 7:1-10

¹ When He had completed all His discourse in the hearing of the people, He went to Capernaum. ² And a centurion's slave, who was highly regarded by him, was sick and about to die. ³ When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders asking Him to come and save the life of his slave. ⁴ When they came to Jesus, they earnestly implored Him, saying, "He is worthy for You to grant this to him; ⁵ for he loves our nation and it was he who built us our synagogue." ⁶ Now Jesus started on His way with them; and when He was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself further, for I am not worthy for You to come under my roof; ⁷ for this reason I did not even consider myself worthy to come to You, but just say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁸ "For I also am a man placed under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, 'Go!' and he goes, and to another, 'Come!' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it." ⁹ Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled at him, and turned and said to the crowd that was following Him, "I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such great faith." ¹⁰ When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

Luke 14:16-24

¹⁶ But He said to him, "A man was giving a big dinner, and he invited many; ¹⁷ and at the dinner hour he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for everything is ready now.' ¹⁸ "But they all alike began to make excuses. The first one said to him, 'I have bought a piece of land and I need to go out and look at it; please consider me excused.' ¹⁹ "Another one said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please consider me excused.' ²⁰ "Another one said, 'I have married a wife, and for that reason I cannot come.' ²¹ "And the slave came back and reported this to his master. Then the head of the household became angry and said to his slave, 'Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in here the poor and crippled and blind and lame.' ²² "And the slave said, 'Master, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' ²³ "And the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the highways and along the hedges, and compel them to come in, so that my house may be filled. ²⁴ 'For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste of my dinner.' "

Luke 18:18-27

¹⁸ A ruler questioned Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁹ And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone. ²⁰ "You know the commandments, 'DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, DO NOT MURDER, DO NOT STEAL, DO NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS, HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER.' " ²¹ And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth." ²² When Jesus heard this, He said to him, "One thing you still lack; sell all that you possess and distribute it to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." ²³ But when he had heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich. ²⁴ And Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for those who are

wealthy to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ “For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶ They who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷ But He said, “The things that are impossible with people are possible with God.”

See also The Parable of the Good Samaritan [Luke 10:30-37] and The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector [Luke 18:9-14]