

2. Luke was an evangelist who traveled with Paul on some of his journeys. His account is based off investigation of eyewitnesses. If Matthew wrote primarily for the Jews then it seems Luke wrote with the Gentiles (non-Jews) in mind. Like Mark he spends more time explaining Jewish customs and quotes the Old Testament less often.

The following accounts are only found in Luke's gospel. Use them to come up with the main theme of Luke.

- ◇ Peter's Call (5:1-11)
- ◇ The Sinful Woman (7:36-50)
- ◇ Three Parables (15:1-32)
- ◇ Zacchaeus (19:1-10)

3. Luke 1-2 has influenced the liturgy of the Church. The Magnificat, the Benedictus, the Gloria in Excelsis; the Nunc Dimittis all come only from Luke. Can you explain what these are and how they have been incorporated into worship?

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4. List at least three things in Luke 1-3 which show that Luke wanted to make it clear Jesus came for everyone.

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5. Scan through the following accounts found only in Luke. Evaluate Luke's regard for women in a culture which did not give women high status.

Elizabeth (1:5-25,39-45,56-67)

Mary (1:5-25,46-55; 2:1-52)

The Widow (7:11-17)

The Supporters (8:1-3)

Mary and Martha (10:38-42)

Story about a Widow (18:1-8)

6. God overturns the ways of the world. Find at least five things in Luke 1-19 that fulfill what Mary sang about at the start of Luke's account. Then explain how this truth gives you both direction and comfort.

"He has scattered the proud because of the thoughts of their hearts; ⁵² he has toppled the mighty from their thrones and exalted the lowly. ⁵³ He has satisfied the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty."

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7. Read once more Luke 13:31-35. Explain how this section ties in with

...the theme of Luke's gospel

...God overturning the ways of the world

8. Give some clear evidence from Luke 1-19 which shows the human heart is sinful.

Give some clear evidence from Luke 1-19 which shows the heart of God for all sinners.

Use your evidence above to practice sharing the main message of Luke's gospel.



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You can still participate even if you did not finish reading the section.

We'll begin with time for sharing questions and comments on the reading section.

1. Identify and rate the various levels of mockery, loneliness, and pain which Mark highlights in chapters 15-16. Find at least two ways that Mark brings in information which brings surprise or amazement at what is taking place.