

LUKE

1. TITLES:

- A. Luke = Luminous
- B. The Gospel According to Luke
- C. The Book of The Perfect Man

2. AUTHOR:

Written by Luke, a physician, who was not one of the twelve apostles but was a companion of Paul. He also wrote the book of Acts.

3. DATE:

- A. Covers approximately 35 years from the birth of John the Baptist to the Ascension.
- B. Probably written between 58 and 60 A.D.

4. KEY WORDS:

- A. Son - 145
- B. Kingdom (of God) - 45
- C. Preach, Publish, Proclaim, Show, Bring - 20 (3 Greek words)
- D. Spirit, Holy Ghost – 17

Key Phrase:

- A. Son of Man – 25

5. KEY VERSES: 4:18, 19; 19:10

6. PURPOSE:

- A. To present Jesus of Nazareth as the anointed perfect man, who after a perfect ministry provided a perfect salvation for sinful humanity.
- B. To show to the Greeks that Jesus was God's ideal man, the only Saviour.

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7. MESSAGE:

- A. All preaching of the Gospel must be done in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- B. God's ideal for man is to be perfected even as His own Son.

8. OUTLINE:

- I. The Preparation for/of the Son of Man ----- 1:1–4: 15
- II. The Ministry of the Son of Man ----- 4:16–21:38
- III. The Suffering of the Son of Man ----- 22:1–23:56
- IV. The Exaltation of the Son of Man ----- 24:1–53

9. SUMMARY:

The distinctive characteristic of Luke's Gospel is its appeal to the Greek mind. While the Romans had exalted strength of action, the Greeks had exalted wisdom of thought. Thus Luke records more of the parables of Jesus than the other Gospel writers. The portrait Luke draws of Jesus is that of the perfect man, the wisdom of God, the one who more than meets the highest ideals of the Greeks. Luke also shows Christ's relationship to the Holy Spirit. It opens with His being born of the Spirit, continues with His ministry by the power of the Spirit, and closes with His promise of the outpoured Spirit.

10. CHRIST SEEN:

Christ is seen as the perfect Son of Man, the Anointed Preacher, and the Saviour of lost humanity (4:18, 19, 19:10).