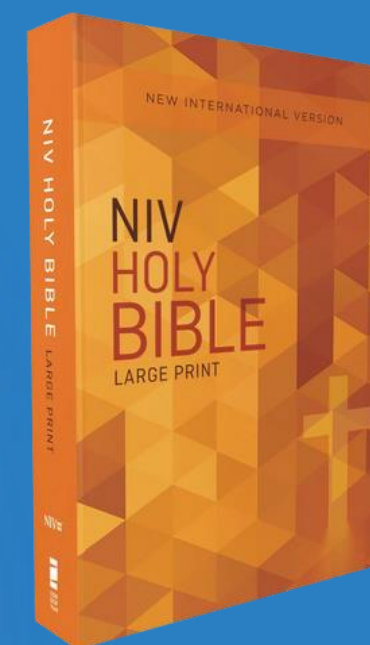




WHAT A WONDER!

LUKE 2:22-52

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE



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AUTHOR: JEWISH, TAX COLLECTOR, APOSTLE, DIED A MARTYR

DATE: A.D. 50-60

AUTHOR: DISCIPLE OF PETER, COUSIN OF BARNABAS

DATE: A.D. 50-70

INTENDED AUDIENCE: JEWS AND JEWISH CONVERTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE FAMILIAR WITH PROPHECY

INTENDED AUDIENCE: GENTILES AND ROMAN BELIEVERS

THEME: CHRIST IS THE KING AND THE PROMISED MESSIAH OF ISRAEL

THEME: THE DEEDS AND MIRACLES OF JESUS; CHRIST AS A SUFFERING SERVANT OF GOD

INTERESTING FACT: OVER 60 REFERENCES TO OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES

INTERESTING FACT: WRITTEN IN BASIC GREEK, EXPLAINS JEWISH CUSTOMS, AND DEFINES ARAMAIC WORDS TO HELP THE NON-JEWISH READERS

UNIQUE TO BOOK: SERMON ON MOUNT, CHRIST AS A CHILD

UNIQUE TO BOOK: MORE FOCUS ON WORKS OVER WORDS

KEY VERSE: GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL THE NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND THE SON, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. MATTHEW 28:19

KEY VERSE: FOR EVEN THE SON OF MAN DID NOT COME TO BE SERVED, BUT TO SERVE, AND GIVE HIS LIFE A RANSOM FOR MANY. MARK 10:45

SPECIAL INSIGHT: MATTHEW WAS AN EYEWITNESS TO MANY OF THE MIRACLES, THE RESURRECTION, AND THE ASCENSION.

SPECIAL INSIGHT: MARK WROTE THIS BOOK USING THE TEACHINGS AND THE TESTIMONY OF PETER THE APOSTLE.

AUTHOR: GENTILE, COMPANION OF PAUL, PHYSICIAN, AUTHOR OF THE BOOK OF ACTS
DATE: AD 60

AUTHOR: INNER CIRCLE OF JESUS' DISCIPLES, FISHERMAN, AND ALSO WRITER OF BOOK OF REVELATION

DATE: A.D. 80-90, WRITTEN IN EXILE

INTENDED AUDIENCE: SPECIFICALLY WRITTEN TO THEOPHILUS, A ROMAN DIGNITARY. PERHAPS NEW TO CHRIST

INTENDED AUDIENCE: WRITTEN FOR UNBELIEVERS SO THAT THEY MAY FIND ETERNAL LIFE, AND FOR BELIEVERS SO THAT THEY MAY FIND ASSURANCE

THEME: SALVATION IS FOR EVERYONE

THEME: THE DEITY OF CHRIST, ETERNAL LIFE

INTERESTING FACT: SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON WOMEN AS MAJOR ROLES IN THE FAITH

INTERESTING FACT: JOHN REPLACES HIS NAME IN THIS GOSPEL WITH "WHOM JESUS LOVED"

UNIQUE TO BOOK: RICH MAN AND LAZARUS, SALVATION OF THE THIEF ON CROSS, AND THE PRODIGAL SON

UNIQUE TO BOOK: WATER TO WINE, RAISING OF LAZARUS, THE "I AM" STATEMENTS, THOMAS DOUBTS, PETER'S RESTORATION

KEY VERSE: FOR TODAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID THERE HAS BEEN BORN TO YOU A SAVIOR WHO IS CHRIST THE LORD. LUKE 2:11

KEY VERSE: FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, SO THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE. JOHN 3:16

SPECIAL INSIGHT: LUKE WAS A HISTORIAN AND HE INCLUDED ALL OF THE TINY DETAILS, FACTS, AND DESCRIPTIONS IN HIS BOOK. LONGEST OF ALL FOUR GOSPELS

SPECIAL INSIGHT: JOHN WAS ONE OF CLOSEST DISCIPLES TO CHRIST, WITNESSED THE TRANSFIGURATION, FIRST TO EMPTY TOMB, LIVED LONGEST OF DISCIPLES

In the Gospels of Mark and John, we basically start the story when Jesus is 30!

- Mark: Begins with Jesus' baptism (Jesus from 30-33 years old)
- John: Begins with, "Let me tell you about the eternal WORD, the true LIGHT..." and Jesus' baptism is also in chapter one (but this gospel is not a chronological narrative)

In the Gospels of Matthew and Luke,
Jesus' Baptism (30-33) is in chapter three!

- Matthew: Begins first two chapters with genealogies, the birth of Jesus, the wisemen, and the flight to Egypt, then Jesus' begins ministry
- Luke: Begins first two chapters with Zacheus, Birth, Songs, Shepherds, and our passage today: Jesus' presentation at the temple as a baby and 12-year-old Jesus



LEVITICUS 12:8

But if she cannot afford a lamb, she is to bring two doves or two young pigeons, one for a burnt offering and the other for a sin offering. In this way the priest will make atonement for her, and she will be clean.

EXODUS 13:1-2

The Lord said to Moses, “Consecrate to me every firstborn male. The first offspring of every womb among the Israelites belongs to me, whether human or animal.”





...HE WAS NOT AFRAID TO DIE, AND HE KNEW THAT HE COULD NOT DIE UNTIL HE HAD SEEN THE MESSIAH. SOME OF US, IF WE HAD A REVELATION THAT, ON THE OCCURRENCE OF A CERTAIN EVENT, WE SHOULD DIE, MIGHT BE FILLED WITH ALARM OR ANXIETY, BUT IT IS NOT SO WITH HOLY SIMEON; HE RATHER LONGS TO DEPART IN PEACE. HE LOOKS UPON THE COMING OF “THE LORD’S CHRIST,” WITH GREAT JOY, BECAUSE NOW HE KNOWS THE BATTLE OF LIFE FOR HIM WILL SOON BE OVER, AND THAT HE WILL ENTER INTO HIS VICTORY.

SPURGEON

SPURGEON



MATTHEW HENRY

HERE IS A CONFESSION OF HIS FAITH, THAT THIS CHILD IN HIS ARMS WAS THE SAVIOUR, THE SALVATION ITSELF, THE SALVATION OF GOD'S APPOINTING. HE BIDS FAREWELL TO THIS WORLD. HOW POOR DOES THIS WORLD LOOK TO ONE THAT HAS CHRIST IN HIS ARMS, AND SALVATION IN HIS VIEW! SEE HERE, HOW COMFORTABLE IS THE DEATH OF A GOOD MAN; HE DEPARTS IN PEACE WITH GOD, PEACE WITH HIS OWN CONSCIENCE, IN PEACE WITH DEATH. THOSE THAT HAVE WELCOMED CHRIST, MAY WELCOME DEATH.

MATTHEW HENRY



Order of Salvation

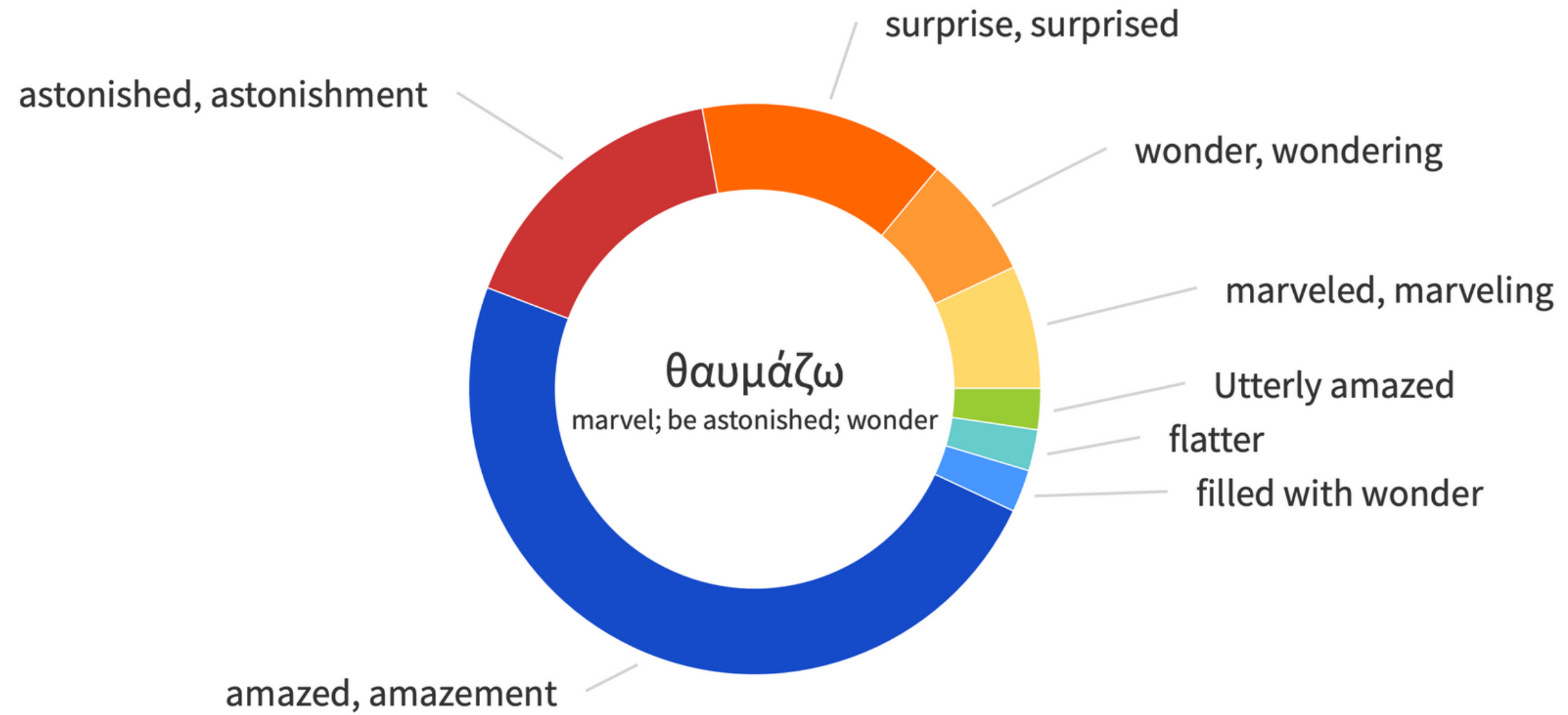
1. Election
2. Calling
3. Regeneration
4. Conversion
5. Justification
6. Adoption
7. Sanctification
8. Perseverance
9. Death
10. Glorification



Luke 2:33

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BLUE LETTER BIBLE

Θαυμάζω

(marveled, amazed, wondered)

LUKE 2:33

“The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about him.”

Θαυμάζω

(marveled, amazed, wondered)

LUKE 2:18

“and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.”

Θαυμάζω

(marveled, amazed, wondered)

LUKE 11:14

“Jesus was driving out a demon that was mute. When the demon left, the man who had been mute spoke, and the crowd was amazed.”

Θαυμάζω

(marveled, amazed, wondered)

LUKE 9:42-43

“Even while the boy was coming, the demon threw him to the ground in a convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the impure spirit, healed the boy and gave him back to his father. And they were all amazed at the greatness of God. While everyone was marveling at all that Jesus did, he said to his disciples,”

Θαυμάζω

(marveled, amazed, wondered)

LUKE 24:12

“Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.”





LUKE 2:34-35

“Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.””



JAMES MONTGOMERY
BOICE

**ANOTHER LESSON IS THAT SORROW,
EVEN SUCH ACUTE SORROW AS THIS,
MAY COME EVEN TO THOSE WHO ARE
GREATLY LOVED BY JESUS. WHEN IT
COMES TO US, AS IT MAY, WE MUST NOT
THINK THAT IT IS BECAUSE OF GOD'S
DISFAVOR... GOD'S FAVOR AND SORROW
SOMETIMES FLOW ALONG TOGETHER.
...IT IS NEVERTHELESS TRUE THAT WE
TAKE COMFORT IN HIS KNOWLEDGE OF
OUR SORROWS AND HIS SOLACE FOR US
IN THE MIDST OF THEM.**

JAMES MONTGOMERY
BOICE



Be about your Father's business

- Don't get involved in civilian affairs. You are part of the army of God.
- Know the Word and be able to correctly handle it.
- Endure everything for the sake of the gospel.
- Teach others who can teach others.
- Flee evil desires. Do not quarrel.
- Preach the Word! Encourage!
- Fight the good fight!

HomeGroup Questions

Re-read Luke 2:22-52

1. How does Jesus' growth in wisdom and stature model spiritual and physical development for us?
2. How does Mary's pondering and treasuring these events guide our own reflection on God's work in our lives?
3. How do the events in Luke 2 underscore the divine and human aspects of Jesus?
4. How do the reactions of the different characters in Luke 2 enhance our understanding of Jesus' mission?
5. What insights can we gain from the humble settings and circumstances surrounding Jesus' birth?
6. How do Simeon's and Anna's reactions to Jesus' presentation at the Temple embody faithful waiting and hopeful anticipation? How can you live this out more in your own life?
7. How does Mary's continual pondering in her heart instruct us in the practice of spiritual reflection and meditation?
8. What things do you need to put into practice in your life from this chapter?