

Gospel of Luke

Harvest Community Church
2025/2026



This year we will have our souls nourished and our vision refreshed by God's Word as we walk through the Gospel of Luke together. This book unpacks the glorious beauty of God's salvation so that it captivates our hearts anew. And it showcases the surprisingly wide array of people whom God saves, so that we're motivated to join in with his mission to make disciples of all nations.

Luke was a co-worker with the Apostle Paul and travelled with him on some of his church planting journeys. Luke wrote his Gospel to preserve an accurate record of Jesus at a time when many eyewitnesses to Jesus' ministry were aging and would soon be gone. He researched and collected many first-hand accounts of Jesus' life and teachings, and organized them into a cohesive message that recounts the good news of Jesus in both its content and its shape.

Luke's message is actually a 2-volume work: the Gospel of Luke being the first volume and the book of Acts being the second. The structure of both books is carefully and deliberately chosen, fitting together to convey God's plan of redemption and our part in it. This structure is clearly seen through Luke's clever use of geography as an organizing tool in his writing.

A Well-laid Path

The Gospel of Luke divides into three main parts:

- Part 1 is **in Galilee**, where God's salvation is announced and explained.
- Part 2 takes place on the **road to Jerusalem**, where the recipients of salvation are described.
- Part 3 takes place **in Jerusalem**, where God's salvation is accomplished.

The book of Acts carries on this geographical organization, beginning with:

- The establishment of the first church **in Jerusalem**,
- then following the Gospel's spread to the surrounding territories of **Judea and Samaria**,
- and finally tracing the Gospel's journey to the **far-flung nations of the earth**.

Luke's Message

This organization helps convey the message of these books: God's salvation in Jesus is more wonderful than we often realize, and God intends it for more people than we often expect. Luke was written to help us make disciples by giving us **a confidence in the Gospel that compels us to take it to all the peoples of the world**.

As we begin a new year, let's let God dazzle our souls with the beauty of his salvation, and compel us to join in his plan to save sinners from among all the nations of the earth. May God use the Gospel of Luke to make more disciples of Jesus through Harvest than ever before.

(outline of Luke on the reverse)

A Compact Outline of Luke's Gospel

Part 1 (1:1 – 9:50) – in Galilee.

Theme: the coming of God's salvation.

- The savior's résumé listed (chapters 1-2)
- The savior's work launched (chapters 3-6)
- The savior's work explained (chapters 7-8)
- The savior's pattern demonstrated (9:1-50)

Part 2 (9:51 – 19:27) – on the road to Jerusalem.

Theme: the recipients of God's salvation.

- The savior's commission: disciples are sent out (9:51 – 10:37)
- The savior's challenge: a choice must be made (10:38 – 13:21)
- The savior's path: humility vs. hubris (13:22 – 17:10)
- The savior's gift: Jesus will give up his life (17:11 – 19:27)

Part 3 (19:28 – 24:53) – in Jerusalem.

Theme: the accomplishment of God's salvation.

- The old order condemned (19:28 – 21:38)
- The new order instituted (22:1 – 23:56)
- The Gospel accomplished and its spread commissioned (24:1-53)

Gospel of Luke Sermon Texts

(subject to change)

After a pause in the Fall of 2025, our series through Luke's Gospel resumes on January 18, 2026:

January 18.....19:28-48
January 25.....20:1-18
February 120:19-47
February 821:1-19
February 1521:20-38
February 22*Missions Sunday*
March 1.....22:1-23
March 8.....22:24-38
March 1522:39-62
March 2222:63 – 23:25
March 2923:26-56 *Palm Sunday*
April 5.....24:1-35 *Easter Sunday*
April 12.....24:36-53