

Gospel of Luke

Harvest Community Church
2025



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 this 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)

January 5.....1:1-25	June 8..... 12:35-48
January 12..... 1:26-56	June 15 12:49-13:9
January 19..... 1:57-80	June 22 13:10-30
January 26.....2:1-52	June 29 13:31 – 14:11
February 23:1-38	July 6..... 14:12-35
February 94:1-30	July 13..... 15:1-32
February 16 <i>Missions Sunday</i>	July 20..... 16:1-13
February 234:31-5:11	July 27..... 16:14-31
March 2.....5:12-32	August 3 17:1-19
March 9.....5:33 – 6:16	August 10..... 17:20-37
March 166:17-49	August 17 18:1-14
March 23 7:1-35	August 24..... 18:15-30
March 30 7:36 – 8:21	August 31 18:31-43
April 6.....8:22-56	September 7..... 19:1-27
April 13.....9:1-17	
April 20.....9:18-27 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	
April 279:28-50	
May 49:51 – 10:16	
May 11 10:17-41	
May 18 11:1-28	
May 25 11:29-54	
June 1 12:1-34	

*NOTE: we will preach 2 shorter series in the Fall,
and finish Luke's Gospel after the 1st of the year.*