

The Gospel of Luke



Gospel = Godspell=
Good Message=Good News

Synoptic Gospels

Synoptic, “to see together”

Matthew

Mark

Luke-Acts

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- ▶ Luke has a sequel – Acts
 - ▶ Addressed to Theophilus, “friend of God”
 - ▶ Addressed to Greek/Christian audience
 - ▶ Written by a “third generation” Christian
 - ▶ Unprecedented presence of women
 - ▶ “pairing”: Lost sheep/Lost coin, (15:4-10); plant mustard seed/leaven (13:18-21)
 - ▶ Luke refers to widows more than any other gospel
 - ▶ Women travel with the 12 (8:3)

OUTLINE

- ▶ 1:1-4 Prologue
- ▶ 1:5-2:52 Infancy and childhood narratives
- ▶ 3:1-4:13 Preparation for Ministry
- ▶ 4:14-9:50 Galilee
- ▶ 9:51-19:48 Journey to Jerusalem
- ▶ 20:1-21:38 Teaching in Jerusalem Temple
- ▶ 22:1-23:56 Passion Narrative
- ▶ 24:1-53 Resurrection

Preparation for Ministry

- ▶ The adult and public life of Jesus
 - ▶ John the Baptist
 - ▶ Jesus' Baptism
 - ▶ Genealogy of Jesus
 - ▶ Temptation of Jesus

John The Baptist

- ▶ Time and Location of John's ministry: the wilderness/desert, 28-29 CE
- ▶ Significance of the wilderness
- ▶ John's message: repentance and baptism
- ▶ Baptism for proselytes or baptism rooted in a connection between washing and behavior/demeanor

John the Baptist

- ▶ Prophetic material: Isaiah 40 – a message of restoration
- ▶ vs. 7 – “brood of vipers...”
- ▶ John brings a strong prophetic word
- ▶ What should we do? vss. 10, 13, 14
- ▶ Luke’s theme of social justice

John the Baptist

- ▶ The forerunner, not the *Messiah*
- ▶ Baptism of the Holy Spirit
- ▶ John is imprisoned

Baptism of Jesus

- ▶ In Luke's gospel, John isn't a part of the story as is the case in Matthew and Mark
- ▶ Prayer is an element in this gospel, and throughout

Jesus' Genealogy

- ▶ Jesus to Adam
- ▶ Matthew's genealogy goes from Abraham and moves forward to Jesus
- ▶ Jesus is in the line of David
- ▶ Eleven groups of seven (Matthew 3 x 14)
- ▶ Purpose of genealogy

Temptation of Jesus

- ▶ Location
- ▶ Circumstances
 - ▶ After baptism
 - ▶ Before beginning of public ministry
 - ▶ When he is full of the spirit
 - ▶ Who leads him?
 - ▶ How does it end?