

# 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?