

Introduction

Author: The Gospel of Luke is the first of a two-volume series (Luke and Acts) written by St Luke, the 'beloved physician' and close friend of the apostle St Paul.

Date: 59-75 A.D

Purpose: Luke, 'having perfect understanding of all things from the very first' chose to write to Theophilus. The church fathers explain that this reveals to us the 'universality' of the gospel. Jesus not only came for the Jews or for any select few, but for 'all flesh' (3:6) and 'all nations' (24:47). Luke makes it clear that Jesus had 'come to seek and to save that which was lost' (19:10).

Christ's saving and delivering power is hope and life to any and all who are willing to receive Him as Lord!

Tuesday (Read Luke 1:1-25)

(1) What did the angel say to Zacharias?

(2) How did Zacharias react and how did he respond?

(3) What was the consequence of this?

Wednesday (Read Luke 1:26-38)

(4) Which angel appeared to St. Mary?

(5) What did he tell her?

(6) Who did the angel tell St. Mary to visit?

(7) Complete the following verse: Behold the maidservant of the Lord!....

Zacharias and Elizabeth.

The father and mother of John the Baptist had no children, and it could not be expected that Elizabeth should have any in her old age. While Zacharias was offering incense in the temple, his prayers were heard and he got an answer! Prayers of faith are filed in heaven, and are not forgotten. Prayers made when we were young and entering into the world, may be answered when we are old and going out of the world. Mercies are doubly sweet that are given in answer to prayer.

Zacharias shall have a son in his old age, who shall be instrumental in the conversion of many souls to God, and preparing them to receive the gospel of Christ. Zacharias heard all that the angel said; but his unbelief spake. In striking him dumb (mute), God dealt justly with him, because he had objected against God's word. We may admire the patience of God towards us. God dealt kindly with him, for thus he prevented his speaking any more distrustful, unbelieving words.

Thursday (Read Luke 1:39-58)

(8) What happened to Elizabeth when St. Mary greeted her?

(9) Summarise what St. Mary said in verses 46-55.

(10) Quote verse 53.

Friday (Read Luke 1:59-80)

(11) What was the name of Elizabeth and Zacharias' son? How did Zacharias communicate this?

(12) What happened to Zacharias at this point? How did the people respond?

(13) What was Zacharias' prophecy? (Hint vs 76-79)



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Mary and Elizabeth.

It is very good for those who have the work of grace begun in their souls, to communicate one to another. On Mary's arrival, Elizabeth was conscious of the approach of her who was to be the mother of the great Redeemer. At the same time she was filled with the Holy Spirit, and under His influence declared that Mary and her expected child were most blessed. St. Mary broke out into joy, admiration, and gratitude. She knew herself to be a sinner who needed a Saviour, and that she could not otherwise rejoice in God than as interested in his salvation through the promised Messiah. Those who see their need of Christ, and are desirous of righteousness and life in him, he fills with good things, with the best things; and they are abundantly satisfied with the blessings he gives. He will satisfy the desires of the poor in spirit who long for spiritual blessings.

Saturday (Read Luke 2:1-10)

(14) Where was Jesus born?

(15) Who appeared to the shepherds and what did he say to them?
