Luke

1. Luke is called "the beloved physician" by Paul (Col. 4:14).
2. He wrote Luke & Acts to a Greek believer named Theophilus (Lk. 1:1-4; Acts 1:1-3) to clarify the gospel & its impact in the world.
3. Luke was not an eyewitness of the life of Christ but did "careful research" to write his account in an orderly fashion (1:1-4).
4. His literary style shows his education.
5. While he is writing an "orderly account" Luke is very purposeful in writing to show the scope of Jesus' ministry as Messiah bringing salvation to all people.

The Gospel in Luke-Acts

In Luke the gospel message moves from Galilee to Jerusalem reaching all people vertically up & down the social scale.

In Acts the gospel message moves from Jerusalem to Rome reaching all people horizontally throughout the known world.

Outsiders in Luke

Women in Prominent Roles

- Elizabeth (1:5-66)
- Anna (2:36-38)
- Mary (1:26-56; 2:1-20, 41-52)
- Widow of Nain (7:11-15)
- Woman anointing with hair (7:36)
- Women Disciples (8:1-3; 24:1-10)

Outcasts in Prominent Roles

- Gentiles (2:32; 24:47)
- Poor (6:20-23)
- Shepherds (2:8-20)
- Lepers (17:11-17)
- Samaritans (10:30-36; 17:16)
- Tax Collectors & Sinners (15:1)

Luke Jesus is the Perfect Man Bringing Salvation to All

Advent & Activities
(Focus on Miracles)

Opposition & Instruction
(Focus on Teaching)

Prologue and Purpose of the Gospel 1:1-4 (1:1-4)

Infancy Narratives Demonstrating God's Work from the Start (1:5 – 2:52)
- The Births of John the Baptist and Jesus the Savior 1:5-2:40
- Jesus at the Temple Aware of His Mission 2:41-52

Preparation for Ministry: Jesus Anointed as Messianic Son (3:1 – 4:13)
- John's Ministry and the Baptism of Jesus 3:1-22
- Genealogy of Jesus: The Son of God is the Perfect/Ideal Son of Adam 3:23-38
- The Temptation of Jesus: Victory over Satan & Dedication to His Call 4:1-13

Galilean Ministry: The Revelation and Teaching of Jesus (4:14 – 9:50)
- Overview of Jesus' Ministry: Sermon in the Synagogue & Miracles in Capernaum 4:14-44
- The Gathering of the Twelve Disciples: Calling, Teaching, & Opposition 5:1-6:16
- The Great Sermon on the Plain: A Call to Love all People 6:17-49
- Calls to Faith & Questions about Jesus 7:1-8:3
- Responses of Faith & Answers about Jesus 8:4-9:17
- A Confession of Christ & The Demands of Discipleship 9:18-50

The Journey to Jerusalem: Jewish Rejection & Training for a New Way (9:51 – 19:44)
- The Disciples' Privilege, Mission, & Commitment 9:51-10:24
- The Demands of Discipleship 10:25-11:13
- Controversies, Corrections, & Calls to Trust 11:14-54
- The Nature of True Discipleship: Trusting God 12:1-48
- Knowing the Nature of the Times: Israel's Rejection & Blessing Offered 12:49-14:24
- Counting the Cost of Discipleship 14:25-35
- God's Pursuit of Sinners 15:1-32
- Generosity: Dealing with Money & Possessions 16:1-31
- False Teaching: Forgiveness, Faith, & Service 17:1-10
- The King, The Kingdom, & The Kingdom Consummation 17:11-18:8
- Lessons on Discipleship: Humility & committing your life fully to God 18:9-30
- Turning Toward Jerusalem: Messianic Power & Responses to Christ 18:31-19:44

Jerusalem Ministry: The Innocent Slain & Raised (19:45 – 24:53)
- Controversy in Jerusalem: Questions & Confrontations 19:45-21:4
- Jerusalem's Destruction & The Last Days 21:5-38
- A Betrayal & A Farewell Meal and Message 22:1-38
- The Trials & Death of the Innocent Savior 22:39-23:56
- The Resurrection, Appearances, & Ascension of the Victorious Savior 24:1-53

After careful investigation, Luke wrote to Theophilus–a Gentile believer–providing him with the facts of Jesus' life, ministry, teaching, death, and resurrection as predicted in the Old Testament in order to encourage him that his faith in Jesus was ordained by God through the Holy Spirit and was consistent with the universal offer of salvation to all people as presented by Christ and entrusted to His disciples who would carry the message to the world.

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