

Week 4 - Jesus and the Gospels

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Wednesday, February 1—Luke: A Transformed World

Reading: Luke 1-2, Luke 6, Luke 10:25-37, Luke 15, Luke 24

Luke's Gospel had the widest audience with the goal of the conversion of gentiles all over the Roman Empire. This gospel is the most political, focusing on how Jesus reverses the way of the world by transforming society with the kingdom of God.

I. Opening Prayer

II. Review

III. Background

- A. Written—circa 80AD
- B. Anonymous Authorship, but because of the “we passages” in Acts—historically connected to Luke, Paul’s travel companion. Col 4:14, 2 Tim 4:11 Phil 1:24
- C. With the Acts of the Apostles, it is part of a two volume set. Comprising 27.5% of the NT (more than Paul).
- D. To Theophilus—“Lover of God”
- E. Written in Greek for a gentile audience—“Kingdom of God”—High literary quality. (Genealogy from Adam)
- F. Likely from Rome
- G. Orderly account Luke 1:1-4

IV. Theme

- A. Salvation—Jesus is Savior—and he saves, *sozo*—σώζω
- B. The Christmas Story—with sound track—(Magnificat, Song of Simeon, etc.)
- C. Holy Spirit
- D. The importance of the temple
- E. Feasting—Kingdom as banquet, manger, Emmas, etc.
- F. Jesus’ programatic text. Luke 4:16-20—Jubilee reversal Reversal Lev. 25:10-17, Isaiah 61. Forgiveness—aphesis—ἄφεσις
- G. Reversal as motif
- H. 12 unique parables—including lost sheep, lost coin, lost son, rich man and Lazarus (16:19-41)
- I. Zacchaeus. Luke 19:1-10
- J. Sermon on the Plain—Luke 6:20-26

V. **Great Commission**—“**Luke 24:44** Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

VI. Song and Prayer

FREELY, FREELY

Verse 1

**God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to.**

Chorus

**He said: 'Freely, freely, you have received,
Freely, freely give;
Go in My name, and because you believe
Others will know that I live.'**

Verse 2

**All power is given in Jesus' name,
In earth and heaven in Jesus' name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His power as He told me to.**

(Chorus)