

Intro to the Book of Luke

1. **Who is Luke?** 5 Things we know about Luke:
 - a. He was a physician.
 - b. He was probably a Gentile and possibly the only Gentile writer of the New Testament.
 - c. He was a fellow co worker of Paul.
 - d. He was an educated man.
 - e. He was not an eyewitness to the events he writes about in the book of Luke, but He investigated and researched them thoroughly.
2. **When was Luke probably written?** The book of Luke was probably written in the late A.D. 60s or early A.D. 70s.
3. **Who was the book written to and why?**
 - a. Luke wrote this letter to Theophilus to help establish him in his faith.
 - b. Luke also wrote this letter to Gentiles and Christians everywhere
 - i. Luke sought to establish Gentiles in their faith, and confirm to them that they were in fact completely welcomed into the kingdom of God.
 - ii. Luke wanted Gentiles and Jews to know that perfection is found in Jesus; not in keeping the law (like the Jews thought), and not in becoming educated (like the Greeks thought).
4. **What is the style of the book?**
 - a. Luke's style is comprehensive, orderly, and logical: perfect for the Greek mind.
 - b. Luke's writing is cultured and beautiful.
 - c. Luke has a deliberately secular style.
5. **What is the general outline of the book?**
 - a. Introduction of the Son of Man (1:1-4:13) – His history and preparation for ministry
 - b. Ministry of the Son of Man (4:14-9:50)

- i. His authority over every realm (demons, disease, nature, effects of sin, tradition and all people) (4:14-6:49)
 - ii. Prelude to His ministry of preaching, healing, discipling (7:1-9:50)
- c. Rejection of the Son of Man (9:51-19:27)
 - i. The response of the people has already been introduced: growing belief and growing rejection (4:14ff., 6:11), but now the intensity of the opposition increases (11:15), and Jesus pronounces woes on them.
 - ii. Jesus gives practical instructions to His disciples as He knows He's headed to Jerusalem. (12:1-19:27)
- d. The Crucifixion and Resurrection of the Son of Man (19:28-24:53)

6. What themes can be found in the book?

- a. Salvation
- b. The universal church
- c. The humanity of Jesus
- d. Joy
- e. Holy Spirit
- f. Prayer
- g. The kindness of Jesus