

## Read the Gospel of Luke with Grace in 2021

Grace kicks off the new year with a church-wide study of the book of Luke, reading two chapters a week. Adults and youth will follow the schedule listed below. Children will follow along, with 1-2 stories selected from the same passages the rest of us are reading.

Adults can join the OASIS adult class (Sunday mornings, 9:15 am on Zoom) to talk about what they read during the week. We'll have opportunities for children and youth as well.

Consider a New Year's resolution of getting to know Jesus – and his interest in those on the margins – more deeply through this study!

### Read

Week ending	Chapters	Selected Topics Include (see below for a more in-depth outline of Luke)
Jan. 3	Introduction	Overview of Luke; ways to engage scripture
Jan. 10	<a href="#">Luke 1, 2</a>	Luke's birth narrative
Jan. 17	<a href="#">Luke 3, 4</a>	Jesus' preparation and beginning of his ministry (Galilee)
Jan. 24	<a href="#">Luke 5, 6</a>	Calling apostles; Sermon on the Plain
Jan. 31	<a href="#">Luke 7, 8</a>	Healings and parables in Galilee and across the Sea
Feb. 7	<a href="#">Luke 9, 10</a>	Sending out the disciples; nature of discipleship Start of the journey to Jerusalem
Feb. 14	<a href="#">Luke 11, 12</a>	Teachings, parables, and controversies
Feb. 21	<a href="#">Luke 13, 14</a>	Teachings and healings; the cost of discipleship
Feb. 28	<a href="#">Luke 15, 16</a>	Parables on joy and wealth
Mar. 7	<a href="#">Luke 17, 18</a>	Teachings, healings, and the coming kingdom of God
Mar. 14	<a href="#">Luke 19, 20</a>	Jesus arrives in Jerusalem
Mar. 21	<a href="#">Luke 21, 22</a>	Jesus' final teachings; the Last Supper; arrest and trial
Mar. 28	<a href="#">Luke 23-24</a>	Jesus' crucifixion, resurrection, and post-resurrection appearances

### Reflect

All you need is a Bible to read a couple of chapters from Luke each week. If you miss a chapter or two along the way, that's okay. You can pick up where you left off or jump ahead to join us. If you're interested in going into more depth, here are some questions to consider as you read through the chapters:

- What did you learn about God, Jesus or the Spirit?

- What surprised you? What is important to you?
- How will this affect your everyday life?

The [Read Luke with Grace](https://www.gracepresby.org/read-luke-with-grace/) page on Grace's web site (https://www.gracepresby.org/read-luke-with-grace/) will provide additional resources (both online and in Grace's library) for those who wish to dig deeper.

## Unique/Major Themes in Luke

Pay attention to the unique themes in Luke. Although Luke may be similar to Mark and Matthew, half of Luke consists of materials that aren't found in the other Gospels. Here are some unique or major themes to look for in Luke:

- **Reversals** in social and political conventions, interpretations of law and scripture, and expectations beginning with the birth narrative and Mary's song and continuing with the passion narrative
- The **inclusive nature** of the gospel, Jesus' ministry and God's love
  - Special interest in the poor and concern for those on the margins (poor, sick, sinners, marginalized, oppressed)
  - Concern for the sinners
  - The role of women in Luke's account
  - Recognition of Samaritans and Gentiles as well as Jews
- The **good news (gospel) of Jesus** – Luke emphasizes joyfulness and what the gospel means to those who hear it and how they (we) respond
- Luke's **use of scriptures** as foundations of Jesus' ministry
  - Promise-fulfillment
  - Interpreting the laws and prophets
  - The nature of the expected messiah
- The **role of the Spirit**: The book of Luke refers to the Spirit 17 times and has been called the Gospel of the Holy Spirit
- The **significance of prayer and times of solitude** for Jesus
- **Importance of meals** (eating and feasting) in Jesus' ministry
- The **nature of being a disciple** of Jesus

## Outline of the Gospel of Luke

You can find outlines of the Gospel of Luke in different commentaries and study guides. You may find these helpful to orient yourself within the broader flow of the account.

A basic outline consists of

1. Prologue (Luke 1:1-4)
2. The birth narratives (1:5-2:52)

3. Jesus' preparation for ministry (3:1-4:13)
4. Jesus' ministry in Galilee (4:14-9:20)
5. The journey to Jerusalem (9:51-19:27)
6. Jesus's ministry in Jerusalem/teaching in the temple (19:28-21:38)
7. The passion and resurrection narratives (22:1-24:53)

The outline below, from Bible Study Tools for Luke (<https://www.biblestudytools.com/luke/>), includes more detail.

- I. The Preface ([1:1-4](#))
- II. The Births of John the Baptist and Jesus ([1:5-2:52](#))
  - a. The Annunciations ([1:5-56](#))
  - b. The Birth of John the Baptist ([1:57-80](#))
  - c. The Birth and Childhood of Jesus ([ch. 2](#))
- III. The Preparation of Jesus for His Public Ministry ([3:1-4:13](#))
  - a. His Forerunner ([3:1-20](#))
  - b. His Baptism ([3:21-22](#))
  - c. His Genealogy ([3:23-38](#))
  - d. His Temptation ([4:1-13](#))
- IV. His Ministry in Galilee ([4:14-9:9](#))
  - a. The Beginning of the Ministry in Galilee ([4:14-41](#))
  - b. The First Tour of Galilee ([4:42-5:39](#))
  - c. A Sabbath Controversy ([6:1-11](#))
  - d. The Choice of the 12 Apostles ([6:12-16](#))
  - e. The Sermon on the Plain ([6:17-49](#))
  - f. Miracles in Capernaum and Nain ([7:1-18](#))
  - g. The Inquiry of John the Baptist ([7:19-29](#))
  - h. Jesus and the Pharisees ([7:30-50](#))
  - i. The Second Tour of Galilee ([8:1-3](#))
  - j. The Parables of the Kingdom ([8:4-21](#))
  - k. The Trip across the Sea of Galilee ([8:22-39](#))
  - l. The Third Tour of Galilee ([8:40-9:9](#))
- V. His Withdrawal to Regions around Galilee ([9:10-50](#))
  - a. To the Eastern Shore of the Sea of Galilee ([9:10-17](#))
  - b. To Caesarea Philippi ([9:18-50](#))
- VI. His Ministry in Judea ([9:51-13:21](#))
  - a. Journey through Samaria to Judea ([9:51-62](#))
  - b. The Mission of the 72 ([10:1-24](#))
  - c. The Lawyer and the Parable of the Good Samaritan ([10:25-37](#))
  - d. Jesus at Bethany with Mary and Martha ([10:38-42](#))
  - e. Teachings in Judea ([11:1;13:21](#))
- VII. His Ministry in and around Perea ([13:22-19:27](#))
  - a. The Narrow Door ([13:22-30](#))
  - b. Warning concerning Herod ([13:31-35](#))

- c. At a Pharisee's House ([14:1-23](#))
- d. The Cost of Discipleship ([14:24-35](#))
- e. The Parables of the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin and the Lost Son ([ch. 15](#))
- f. The Parable of the Shrewd Manager ([16:1-18](#))
- g. The Rich Man and Lazarus ([16:19-31](#))
- h. Miscellaneous Teachings ([17:1-10](#))
- i. Ten Healed of Leprosy ([17:11-19](#))
- j. The Coming of the Kingdom ([17:20-37](#))
- k. The Persistent Widow ([18:1-8](#))
- l. The Pharisee and the Tax Collector ([18:9-14](#))
- m. Jesus and the Children ([18:15-17](#))
- n. The Rich Young Ruler ([18:18-30](#))
- o. Christ Foretells His Death ([18:31-34](#))
- p. A Blind Beggar Given His Sight ([18:35-43](#))
- q. Jesus and Zacchaeus ([19:1-10](#))
- r. The Parable of the Ten Minas ([19:11-27](#))
- VIII. His Last Days: Sacrifice and Triumph ([19:28-24:53](#))
  - a. The Triumphal Entry ([19:28-44](#))
  - b. The Cleansing of the Temple ([19:45-48](#))
  - c. The Last Controversies with the Jewish Leaders ([ch. 20](#))
  - d. The Olivet Discourse ([ch. 21](#))
  - e. The Last Supper ([22:1-38](#))
  - f. Jesus Praying in Gethsemane ([22:39-46](#))
  - g. Jesus' Arrest ([22:47-65](#))
  - h. Jesus on Trial ([22:66;23:25](#))
  - i. The Crucifixion ([23:26-56](#))
  - j. The Resurrection ([24:1-12](#))
  - k. The Post-Resurrection Ministry ([24:13-49](#))
  - l. The Ascension ([24:50-53](#))