

Detailed survey of Luke

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Chapter One (*unique to Luke*)

- 1-4 Prologue
- 5-7 Description of John's parents
- 8-17 Announcement of angel to Zecharias
- 18-22 The sign of dumbness
- 23-25 Elizabeth conceives
- 26-38 Announcement of angel to Mary
- 39-56 Mary visits Elizabeth
- 57-66 Birth and circumcision of John
- 67-79 Zecharias' prophecy
- 80 Summary of John's childhood and youth

Chapter Two (*unique to Luke*)

- 1-5 Joseph and Mary go to Bethlehem
- 6-7 Birth of Jesus
- 8-20 Visit of shepherds
- 21-24 Jewish birth rituals
- 25-35 Simeon's oracles
- 36-38 Anna
- 39-40 Early life in Nazareth
- 41-50 In the temple at twelve
- 50-52 Growing-up in Nazareth

Chapter Three

- 1-6 John's ministry begins (*historical details in vv. 1-2 unique to Luke*)
- 7-18 John's preaching (*specific instructions in vv. 10-14 unique to Luke, as is v. 18*)
- 19-20 John's imprisonment anticipated
- 21-22 Jesus is baptized (*parallels in all Synoptics*)
- 23-38 Genealogy of Jesus (*Jesus' age given only by Luke; also whole genealogy unique*)

Chapter Four

- 1-13 Temptation in the wilderness (*the order of 2nd & 3rd temptations reversed, viv-a-vis Matt.*)
- 14-15 Jesus begins ministry in Galilee (*“in the power of the Spirit” unique to Luke*)
- 16-30 Synagogue in Nazareth (*unique to Luke, unless parallel to Matt. 13:54-58 & Mk. 6: 1-6*)
- 31-37 Exorcism in Synagogue in Capernaum (*parallel in Mark 1:21-28*)
- 38-39 Healing Peter’s mother-in-law* (*this, and next 10 sections, marked*, parallel in all Synoptics*)
- 40-41 Sunset healings*
- 42-44 Leaving Capernaum to itinerate in Galilee*

Chapter Five

- 1-11 Calling four fishermen* (*this is out of chronological order; precedes previous 4 sections*)
- 12-16 Cleansing the leper* (*Jesus’ prayer-retreat to the desert, v. 16, is unique to Luke*)
- 17-26 The paralytic* (*“power of the Lord... present to heal”, v. 17, unique to Luke*)
- 27-28 Call of Levi* [*Matthew*]
- 29-32 Feasting with Levi’s friends*
- 33-39 Question of fasting* (*“No man having drunk the old... “ v.39, unique to Luke*)

Chapter Six

- 1-5 Sabbath grain field controversy*
- 6-11 Sabbath withered hand-healing controversy*
- 12-16 Choice of the twelve (*Mark 3:13-19; praying all night beforehand, v.12, unique to Luke*)
- 17-26 Beatitudes (*Venue & content ostensibly differ from Matthew 5; four woes unique to Luke*)
- 27-49 Sermon on love and obedience (*vv. 37-40 are a unique expansion on Matthew 7:1-2*)

Chapter Seven

- 1-10 Centurion’s servant (*Matt. 8:5-13; vv. 2-5, and mediation of Jewish leaders, unique to Luke*)
- 11-17 Widow of Nain (*unique to Luke*)
Next 3 sections paralleled in Matthew 11:2-19
- 18-23 Message to John in prison (*detailed background in vv. 18-21 unique to Luke*)
- 24-28 Eulogy about John
- 29-35 Like peevish children (*vv. 29-30 unique to Luke*)
- 36-50 Sinful woman in Pharisee’s house (*unique to Luke*)

Chapter Eight

- 1-3 Jesus' circuit, and those who underwrote His work (*unique to Luke*)
- 4-18 Soils parable & explanation* (*this, and next 12 sections, marked * paralleled in all Synoptics*)
- 19-21 Who are my mother and brothers?*
- 22-25 Stilling the storm*
- 26-39 Man of the tombs*
- 40-56 Jairus' daughter and woman's issue of blood*

Chapter Nine

- 1 -6 Sending out the twelve*
- 7-9 Herod's reaction*
- 10-17 Feeding 5 000 * (*paralleled in all four gospels*)
- 18-27 Caesarea Philippi*
- 28-36 Transfiguration*
- 37-42 Demon possessed boy*
- 43-45 Second prediction of His death*
- 46-48 Who's the greatest?*
- 49-50 Exorcists who are not following with us (*paralleled only in Mark 9:38-40*)
- 51 -56 Inhospitable Samaritans (*unique to Luke*)
- 57-62 Three would-have-been disciples (*unique to Luke*)

Chapter Ten (*unique to Luke*)

- 1-16 Seventy sent out
- 17-24 Seventy return with their report
- 25-37 Good Samaritan
- 38-42 Mary and Martha

Chapter Eleven (*unique to Luke, with many similarities to Matthew*)

- 1-13 Teaching on prayer (*similar to Matt. 6:9-13*)
- 14-26 Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit (vv. 14-23 *similar to Matt. 12:22-30*)
- 27-28 More blessed than Jesus' mother?
- 29-32 The sign of Jonah (*similar to Matt. 12:39-42*)
- 33-36 Lamp light analogies (*similar to Matt. 5:15; 6:22-23*)
- 37-54 Jesus, eating with a Pharisee, insults his host and guests with "woes" (*similar to Matt. 23*)

Chapter Twelve (*collection unique to Luke, paralleled in various parts of Matthew*)

- 1 Beware of hypocrisy
- 2-12 Consequences of boldly confessing Christ (*partially parallels Matt. 10:26-32, 19-20*)
- 13-21 Beware of covetousness
- 22-34 Don't worry; seek first the kingdom (*similar to Matt. 6:20-21, 25-33*)
- 35-48 Be like watchful servants (*vv. 35-46 similar to Matt. 24:45-25:4*)
- 49-53 Divisions a result of Christ's coming (*similar to Matt. 10:34-36*)
- 54-56 Blindness of hypocrites (*similar to Matt. 16:2-3*)
- 57-59 Settle with adversaries before external judges intervene (*parallel to Matt. 5:2 5-26*)

Chapter Thirteen (*unique to Luke, except where noted*)

- 1-5 You will likewise perish, if you don't repent
- 6-9 Last chance for fruitless fig tree
- 10-17 Sabbath crippled woman controversy
- 18-21 Mustard seed and leaven parables (*parallel to Matt. 13:31-33*)
- 22-30 Strive to enter in (*similar, but not identical, to Matthew 7:13-14, 22-23*)
- 31-33 Message to a fox
- 34-35 Blood-guilty Jerusalem left desolate (*parallel to Matt. 23:37-39*)

Chapter Fourteen (*unique to Luke, except for last two verses*)

- 1-6 Sabbath dropsy controversy
- 7-14 Advice about feasts
- 15-24 Parable of the offended host
- 25-33 Prerequisites for discipleship
- 34-35 Salt sayings

Chapter Fifteen (*unique to Luke*)

- 1-10 Lost sheep and lost coin
- 11-32 Prodigal son

Chapter Sixteen (*unique to Luke*)

- 1-13 Lessons from the unjust steward
- 14-18 Misc. rebukes for the Pharisees (*vv. 16-18 show similarities to Matt. 11:12-13; 5:18, 32*)
- 19-31 Lazarus and the rich man

Chapter Seventeen (*unique to Luke, except where noted*)

1-10 About stumblingblocks

11-19 Ten lepers

20-37 When will the kingdom come? (*some material has parallels in Matthew 24*)

Chapter Eighteen

1 -8 The unjust judge (*unique to Luke*)

9-14 The publican and the Pharisee (*unique to Luke*)

15-17 Blessing infants* (*this, and next 3 sections, marked *, paralleled in all Synoptics*)

18-30 The rich, young ruler*

31-34 Third prediction of passion*

35-43 Blind beggar at Jericho*

Chapter Nineteen

1-10 Zacchaeus (*unique to Luke*)

11-27 Parable of minas (*unique to Luke*)

28-40 Triumphal entry (*paralleled in all four gospels; vv. 39-40 unique to Luke*)

41 -44 Lament for Jerusalem (*unique to Luke*)

45-48 Cleansing the temple* (*this, and all of chapter 20, paralleled in all Synoptics*)

Chapter Twenty

1-8 Question of authority*

9-19 Parable of evil tenants*

20-26 Tribute to Caesar*

27-40 The Sadducees' question*

41-44 Who's son is Christ

45-47 Beware of the scribes*

Chapter Twenty-One

1-4 The widow's two mites (*paralleled only in Mark 12:41-44*)

5-36 Olivet Discourse (*paralleled in all Synoptics*)

37-38 Summary of Jesus' teaching during Passion Week (*unique to Luke*)

Chapter Twenty-Two

- 1-6 Judas conspires with Jesus' enemies (*paralleled in all Synoptics*)
- 7-13 Preparation for the Passover (*paralleled in all Synoptics*)
- 14-23 The Last Supper (v. 14-16 unique to Luke; otherwise, *paralleled in all Synoptics*)
- 24-30 Who's the greatest
- 31-34 Jesus predicts Peter's denials (*paralleled in all four gospels*)
- 35-38 Mental preparation of the eleven for what was to come (*unique to Luke*)
- 39-46 Gethsemane (*paralleled in all four gospels; vv.43-44 unique to Luke*)
- 47-53 Jesus arrested (*paralleled in all four gospels; last sentence unique to Luke*)
- 54-71 Tried before Sanhedrin; denied by Peter (vv. 54-65 *paralleled in four gospels*)

Chapter Twenty-Three

- 1-4 Before Pilate (*paralleled in four gospels*)
- 5-12 Sent to and return from Herod (*unique to Luke*)
- 13-25 Pilate caves-in under pressure, releases Barabbas (*paralleled in four gospels*)
- 26-31 On the road to Golgotha (vv. 27-37 *unique to Luke*)
- 32-49 The crucifixion (*details unique to Luke: thief repents [vv. 39-43]; quote of Ps.31:5 [v. 46]; "this was a righteous man" [v.47] instead of "son of God" [Matt.27:54 & Mark 15:39]*)
- 50-56 The burial (*paralleled in four gospels; Luke alone, v.51 tells of Joseph's dissent from council*)

Chapter Twenty-Four

- 1-8 Angels announce the resurrection to the women (*parallel in four gospels*)
- 9-12 Women tell the disciples; Peter runs to the tomb, sees linen cloths (*parallel in John 20:2-10*)
- 13-35 Two men meet Jesus on road to Emmaus (*unique to Luke, and long ending of Mark [16:12f]*)
- 36-43 Jesus appears in the upper room on Sunday night (*parallel in John 20:19-25 & Mark 16:14*)
- 44-49 Jesus opens their understanding & gives them His commission (*unique to Luke & Acts 1:3-8*)
- 50-53 Jesus ascends from Bethany and is worshipped (*paralleled in Mark 16: 19f & Acts 1:9-12*)