

Lent Calendar 2010

The Gospel of Luke

New Revised Standard Version

Brief Background

The Gospel According to Luke (Greek: κατὰ Λουκᾶν εὐαγγέλιον, *kata Loukan euangelion* τὸ εὐαγγέλιον κατὰ Λουκᾶν, *to euangelion kata Loukan*), generally shortened to the *Gospel of Luke*, is the third and longest of the four canonical Gospels. This synoptic gospel is an account of the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. It details his story from the events of his birth to his Ascension. The author is traditionally identified as Luke the Evangelist.

The author, commonly understood to be writing from a Gentile perspective, is characteristically concerned with social ethics, the poor, women, and other oppressed groups. Certain popular stories on these themes, such as the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan, are found only in this gospel. This gospel also has a special emphasis on prayer, the activity of the Holy Spirit, and joyfulness.

According to the preface the purpose of Luke is to write a historical account^[4], while bringing out the theological significance of the history. The author's portrays Christianity as divine, respectable, law-abiding, and international. Most modern critical scholarship concludes that Luke, used the Gospel of Mark for his chronology and a hypothetical sayings source Q document for many of Jesus' teachings. Other scholars have put forward the possibility that the *Gospel of Luke* was based on the Hebrew Gospel. Luke may also have drawn from independent written records. There are two serious possibilities regarding the date of composition, the early 60s, or the later decades of the 1st century. Biblical Scholars are in wide agreement that the author of the *Gospel of Luke* also wrote the Acts of the Apostles. Many believe "the *Gospel of Luke* and the *Acts of the Apostles* originally constituted a two-volume work."

Ash Wednesday, Feb 17, Luke 1:1-25

? While you are reading, or rereading the passage, you may want to follow the strand of one character: Gabriel, Zechariah, or Elizabeth. Any insights to share?

Thursday, Feb 18--The Birth of Jesus Foretold Luke 1:26-2:21

Friday, Feb 19 Luke 2:22-3:20

Sat Feb 20 Luke 3:21-38

Sunday February 21 Luke 4:1-13

Monday, Feb 22 Luke 4:14-44

Tues Feb 23 Luke 5:1-39

? Think about "fasting" and the teaching that "giving up" something for Lent is a discipline for believers. Do you have thoughts on this and how it jives with your Lenten experience?

Wed Feb 24 Luke 6:1-26

?Take one of the teachings in today's reading, spend some time contemplating this teaching and its affect on your life today. Try writing down your thoughts so that you can share?

Thurs Feb 25 Luke 6:27-49

Friday Feb 26 Luke 7

? Pause to contemplate this description of sin.

Saturday February 27 Luke 8-9:27

? If verses 11-15 of Luke 8 are an insertion into the original manuscript, would it make a difference to you if it was not included? Do you agree with this explanation of the parable(s) it explains?

?If you have interest in sharing a story (storytelling), these are a place to begin. Choose a parable or incident, read it through several times and close your Bible. Begin by telling it out loud by yourself, tell it to a child, tell it to a group.

Sat Feb 27 Luke 9:1-27

Sunday February 28 Luke 9:28-36

?Pause and reflect on "take up you cross daily and follow me".

Monday March 1 Luke 10:1-24

Tues March 2 Luke 10:25-62

? Choose a character from the "Good Samaritan" story and follow the story from another perspective. What insights did you gain from your reading?

?What is your understanding of the Martha and Mary interaction?

Wednesday March 3 Luke 11:1-23

?Pause to reflect on prayer.

When you have time, choose a verse or verses from the paragraph vs. 14-23 for meditation—or perhaps you would like to try lectio divina: Read vs 14-23 aloud. Is there a word or phrase that stands out for you. Pause to reflect. Read aloud again or have another person read it. Pray: What do you want to learn from this passage Lord. 3rd reading: What emotions does this bring up for you. 4th Rest in God's Word.

Thurs March 4 Luke 11:24-32

Friday March 5 Luke 11:33-12:24

Sat March 6 Luke 12:25-59

?What you think about all the time, that is your god. Martin Luther said something like this in his explanation of the First Commandment in the Large Catechism. Do you agree?

Sunday March 7 Luke 13:1-9

Monday March 8 Luke 13:10-30

?Surely you have a favorite among these wonderful stories. Which one? Why?

Tuesday March 9 Luke 13:31-35

Wed March 10 Luke 14:1-14

Thurs March 11 Luke 14:15-24

Friday March 12 Luke 14:25-33

Sat March 13 Luke 14:34-35

Sunday March 14 Luke 15:1-32 and Luke 16:1-13

?An intergenerational event using these parables is fairly easy. Divide the group into 4. Give each a copy of one of the four parables above and a paper sack containing props that you have in your house that can be used as props to help the group act out "their" parable for the whole group. Each group has about 20-30 minutes to plan the drama. The presentation can be followed by some appropriate snack. The activity takes 45minutes to an hour and can be a fun learning experience.

Monday March 15 Luke 16:14-31

Tues March 16 Luke 17

Wed March 17 Luke 18:1-30

Thurs March 18 Luke 18:31-19:10

Friday March 19 Luke 19:11-47

Sat March 20 Luke 20:1-9

Sunday March 21 Luke 20:9-19

Monday March 22 Luke 20:20-26

Tuesday March 23 Luke 20:27-47

Wed March 31 Luke 21:1-6

Thurs March 25 Luke 21:7-24

Fri March 26 Luke 21:25-38

Sat March 27 Luke 22:1-13

Palm Sunday March 28 Luke 22:14-56

Use these days to reflect on what you have read, discussed and studied, perhaps to catch up with reading, certainly to formulate any questions or observations you may have.

Maundy Thursday April 1 Luke 22:14-30

Good Friday April 2 Luke 22:31-23:56

Holy Saturday April 3 Meditate on the meaning of these days.

Easter Sunday Morning, April 4, Luke 24:1-11

Easter Evening, April 4 Luke 24:13-53