

The Gospel According To LUKE Introduction – “Is there a Doctor in the House?”

> **Introduction to Luke:** Luke, a gentle physician (*Luke, the beloved physician* - Col. 4:14) builds his gospel narrative around a historical, chronological presentation of Jesus' life. Luke's is the longest and most comprehensive of the four Gospels, presenting Jesus Christ as the Perfect Man who came to seek and save sinful men. Growing belief and growing opposition develop side by side. Those who believe His claims are challenged to count the cost of discipleship; those who oppose Him will not be satisfied until the Son of Man hangs lifeless on a cross. But the Resurrection insures that His ministry of seeking and saving the lost will continue in the person of His disciples once they have been equipped with His power.¹

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> **Key Word:** *Jesus the Son of Man (Jesus is the perfect Son of Man)*

> **Key Verses:** Luke 1:3-4 - *it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write to you an orderly account, most excellent Theophilus, that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed.* Luke 19:10- *for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.*

> **Key Chapter – Ch. 15** - Three parables: the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin, the Lost Son, (Jesus came to seek & save!)

Chapter 1- “God Is Gracious!”

I) Miraculous Birth of John the Baptist Foretold (v1-25)

(v1-3) This gospel “good news” is written by Luke through eyewitnesses.

(v5) *Zacharias- Remembered of Jehovah; Elizabeth- God of the Oath*

(v6-10,18) Five keys for a solid Christian family:

- #1- Being righteous before God- *Living* right before God (v6)
- #2- Walking in all the commandments & ordinances of the LORD blameless- Obeying His Word (v6)
- #3- Serving God- A life of involvement (v8)
- #4- People of unity & prayer- Fellowship (v9)
- #5- Growing in faith- Learning & Active (v18)

(v11-25) **The angel & Zacharias regarding John (the Baptist) birth**

-Observe the four “he will’s” of John the Baptist:

- #1- He will be great in the sight of the Lord & won't drink wine or strong drink (v15)
- #2- He will be *filled* with the Holy Spirit (v15) (Eph 5:18-21- *do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of God.*)
- #3- He will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God (v16)
- #4- He will also go in the spirit & power of Elijah to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children & to the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. (v17)

(v18) #5 above- *Zacharias growing in faith!*

(v19-25) **The speechless birth announcement.**

II) Miraculous Conception of Jesus (v26-56)

Next week we'll experience the miraculous conception & birth of Christ.

III) The Birth & Ministry of John the Baptist (v57-80)

(v57-66) **The birth announcement-** “His name is John”- *God is gracious*

(v67-79) **The prophecy of Zecharias:**

- “*horn of salvation*”- speaks of the power to bring forth spiritual health & soundness, to save! (v67-68)
- **God spoke of this day through the holy prophets that:**
 - #1- Israel would be saved from their enemies (v70-71)
 - #2- To remember the holy covenant (v72)
 - #3- The promise to Abraham (v73-75) (Gen. 22:16-18)
- **God's calling for John the Baptist:**
 - #1- To prepare the way of the Lord (v76) (ref.- Isaiah 40:30)
 - #2- To give knowledge of salvation to His people by the remission of their sin (v77) (Ro. 3:23; 6:23)
 - #3- To give light to those who sit in darkness & the shadow of death, to guide our feet in the way of peace (v78-79)

(*Christians follow the same example to reach the lost:* Prepare the way through PRAYER--Give knowledge by living out our NEW LIFE in Christ--Bring light into others darkness by PROCLAIMING the “good news!”)
(v80) **The child grew and became strong in spirit and was in the deserts till the day of his manifestation to Israel.**

¹ Talk Thru The Bible- Bruce Wilkinson & Kenneth Boa, pg. 326