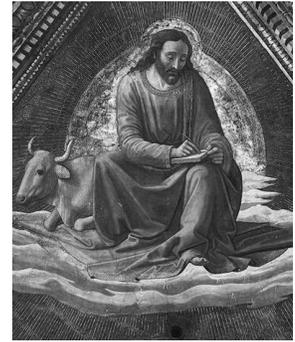




An Introduction to the Four Gospels

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The Gospel of Luke

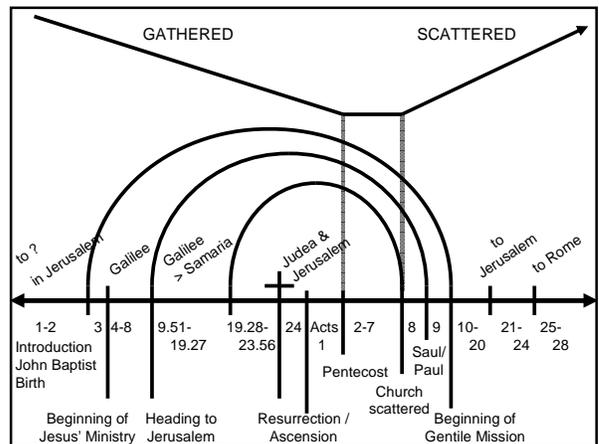
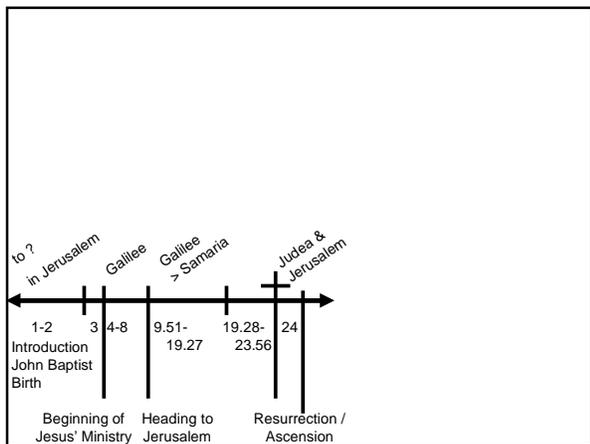


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Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. *Revelation 4.6-7 (also cf. Ezekiel 1.10)*

Who was Luke?

- May or may not have been a physician companion of Paul
- Well-educated second-generation Xn
- Either a Hellenistic Jew or a Gentile
- Deep knowledge of Jewish Scripture
- Written around 80-90 CE
- Where?



An Outline of the Gospel of Luke

1.1-4	Prologue	
1.5-2.52	Announcements of and Births of John the Baptist and Jesus	
3.1-22	John the Baptist and Jesus' baptism	
3.23-28	Jesus' genealogy	
4.1-13	Jesus tempted in the wilderness	3.1-6.1 from Mark
4.14-30	Jesus' inaugural message	
4.31-9.50	Jesus' miracles and teachings	6.20-8.3 "Little Interpolation"
6.20-49	Sermon on the Plain	
	<i>"When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem."</i> (9.51)	
9.51-19.27	Jesus' ministry continues as his way is directed towards Jerusalem	
19.28-21.38	Jesus' visitation of Jerusalem	9.51-18.14 "Big Interpolation"
22.1-65	The Passover: preparations, meal, arrest	
22.66-23.25	Jesus' trials	18.15-24.11 from Mark
23.26-56	Jesus' crucifixion	
24.1-12	The empty tomb	
24.13-35	The road to Emmaus	
24.36-53	Jesus' appearance and commission to his followers	

The Gospel of Luke

1.1-4:	Prologue
1.5-4.13:	Introductory Matters – Preparation for Jesus' Ministry
4.14-9.51:	Jesus' Ministry in Galilee
9.52-19.27:	Jesus Journeys to Jerusalem: Instruction, Mission, Healing, Controversy
19.28-21.38:	Jesus' Ministry in Jerusalem
22.1-22.43:	Jesus' Death and Resurrection
24.44-53:	Conclusion

Why was the Gospel of Luke written?

- Theologically
 - responding to crisis of faith due to delay of parousia
 - establishing Gentile mission
 - refuting gnostic tendencies
- Politically
 - establish Christianity as a legitimate religion
 - reduce Roman persecution
- Pastorally
 - guide Christians whose faith faltering in face of quandaries, heresies, tribulations

cf. Mark Allan Powell, *The Gospels*, p99

Prologue

Luke 1:1-4

Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, ² just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, ³ I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.

Luke 1.26ff. Annunciation

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph...

Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."



<http://www.heqiarts.com/gallery/gallery3/pages/2-Annunciation.html>

Luke 1.39ff.

Visitation / Magnificat

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ...

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty."

<http://www.heqiarts.com/gallery/gallery3/pages/3-TheVisitation.html>



Luke 1.57ff.

Birth of John the Baptist Benedictus

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, ...



<http://www.wels.net/wmo/Downloads/164.gif>

Luke 2.1ff

Birth of Jesus

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered.

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.



<http://www.asianchristianart.org/galleryes/nativity/nat-gall/nat6.html>

Luke 2.8ff.

Announcement to the Shepherds



<http://www.asianchristianart.org/profile/HVarghese/pages/hanna2.html>

Do not be afraid; for see -- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

Luke 2.22ff.

Simeon and Anna Nunc Dimittis

Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant I in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."



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Luke 2.41ff

Boy Jesus in the Temple



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Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?

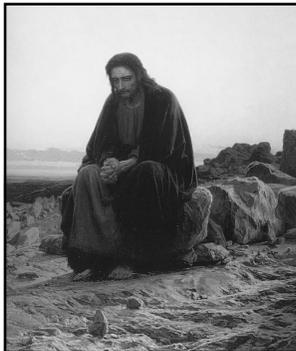
Luke 3.21ff

Baptism of Jesus

... and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.



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Luke 3.1ff
Temptation of Jesus

If you are the Son of God,...

Genealogy
Luke 3.23ff.

Jesus was about thirty years old when he began his work. He was the son (as was thought) of Joseph son of Heli, ...
... son of Enos, son of Seth, son of Adam, son of God.

Luke 3.1ff

Inaugural Address

He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."



<http://www.asianchristianart.org/profile/Zaki/Biboun/images/ZBiboun8-1.jpg>

Teachings of Jesus

Matthew 5

Sermon on the Mount

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Luke 6

Sermon on the Plain

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.
"Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven;

Luke 9.51

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.

Teaching in Parables

- The Good Samaritan
- The Prodigal Son
- The Rich Man and Lazarus

Rich and Poor in Luke

- 1.53: The Mighty One... has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.
- 6.20-24: Blessed are the poor... but woe to you who are rich.

Four Rich Guys

- 12.13-21: Parable of the Rich Fool
- 16.19-31: Parable of Rich Man and Lazarus
- 18.18-30: Rich Ruler
- 19.1-10: Zacchaeus

Luke 18:18-30 The Rich Ruler



Luke 18:18-30 The Rich Ruler

A certain ruler asked him,
"Good Teacher,
what must I do to inherit eternal life?"
Jesus said to him,
"Why do you call me good?
No one is good but God alone.
You know the commandments:
'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not
murder; You shall not steal; You shall not bear
false witness; Honor your father and mother.'"

Luke 18:18-30 The Rich Ruler

- ²¹ He replied,
"I have kept all these since my youth."
²² When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "There
is still one thing lacking.
Sell all that you own and distribute the
money to the poor, and you will have
treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

Luke 18:18-30 The Rich Ruler

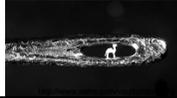
- ²³ But when he heard this,
he became sad;
for he was very rich.

Luke 18:18-30
The Rich Ruler

Jesus looked at him and said,

"How hard it is for those who have wealth
to enter the kingdom of God!

²⁵ Indeed, it is easier for a camel
to go through the eye of a needle
than for someone who is rich
to enter the kingdom of God."



Luke 18:18-30
The Rich Ruler

²⁶ Those who heard it said,

"Then who can be saved?"

²⁷ He replied,

"What is impossible for mortals
is possible for God."

Luke 18:18-30
The Rich Ruler

²⁸ Then Peter said,

"Look, we have left our homes and followed
you."

²⁹ And he said to them,

"Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left
house or wife or brothers or parents or
children, for the sake of the kingdom of
God, ³⁰ who will not get back very much
more in this age, and in the age to come
eternal life."

Luke 19.1-10



He entered Jericho and
was passing through it.

² A man was there
named Zacchaeus;...

Luke 19.1-10

Luke 18:35-43

As he approached Jericho, a
blind man was sitting by the
roadside begging... ⁴² Jesus
said to him, "Receive your
sight; your faith has saved
you." ⁴³ Immediately he
regained his sight and followed
him, glorifying God; and all the
people, when they saw it,
praised God.

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Luke 19.1-10



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named Zacchaeus;...

Luke 19.1-10

... he was a chief tax collector
and was rich.

Luke 19.1-10

³ He was trying to see who Jesus was,
but on account of the crowd he could not,
because he was short in stature.

⁴ So he ran ahead and
climbed a sycamore tree to see him,
because he was going to pass that way.

Luke 19.1-10

⁵ When Jesus came to the place,
he looked up and said to him,
"Zacchaeus, hurry and come down;
for I must stay at your house today."
⁶ So he hurried down and was happy to
welcome him.

Luke 19.1-10

⁷ All who saw it began to grumble and said,
"He has gone to be the guest
of one who is a sinner."

Luke 19.1-10

⁸ Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look,
half of my possessions, Lord,
I will give to the poor;
and if I have defrauded anyone of anything,
I will pay back four times as much."

Luke 19.1-10

⁹ Then Jesus said to him,
"Today salvation has come to this house,
because he too is a son of Abraham.

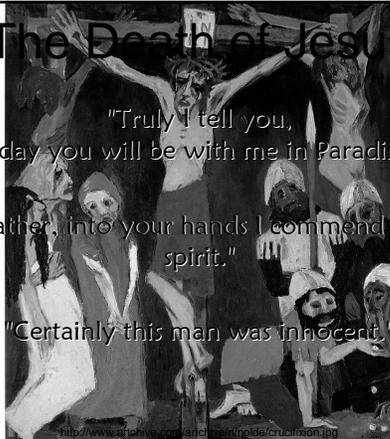
¹⁰ For the Son of Man came
to seek out and to save the lost."

The Death of Jesus

"Truly I tell you,
today you will be with me in Paradise."

"Father, into your hands I commend my
spirit."

"Certainly this man was innocent."



Resurrection

and the Road to Emmaus

Were not our hearts burning
within us while he was talking
to us on the road, while he
was opening the scriptures to
us?"



Ascension



Thus it is written, that the
Messiah is to suffer and to rise
from the dead on the third
day, and that repentance and
forgiveness of sins is to be
proclaimed in his name to all
nations, beginning from
Jerusalem. You are witnesses
of these things. And see, I am
sending upon you what my
Father promised; so stay here
in the city until you have been
clothed with power from on
high.

The Gospel of Luke

and the sequel:

The Book of Acts