



Coffee & ConvoS

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LUKE

How to use the reader ...

With each day's assigned reading, there are two or three primary questions that we hope will encourage you to reflect and draw out important truths from the passage. The questions listed in gray at the bottom of each page are additional study questions that will challenge you to read further into the text and spend more time in reflection.

There are a few questions that should be considered every time you read the Bible. If you have no time to consider any of the specialized questions, prioritize asking yourself these three questions:

- 1. What attribute of God stands out the most from your study of this text?**
 - 2. How does knowing this truth about Him change the way you see yourself?**
 - 3. How should knowing this truth change the way you live?**
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Resources

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The Message of the New Testament: Promises Kept ,
by Mark Dever (Crossway 2005)

Exalting Jesus in Luke (Christ-Centered Exposition Commentary),
by Thabiti Anyabwile (B&H Publishing Group, 2018)

Matthew Henry Concise Commentary on the Whole Bible
(Moody Press Chicago 1971)

Luke 1

Looking at the introduction (vv.1-4) why has Luke written this Gospel account?

Luke's desire is that we have "certainty concerning the things [we] have been taught." He does this by providing a context for our faith that is biblical, historical, and verifiable. Why is it important that our faith is biblical, historical, and verifiable?

Zechariah is told that his prayers have been heard for a child, but Elizabeth was well past childbearing years. Have you given up praying for things you believe are impossible? How can this encourage you to keep faithfully seeking the Lord?

Mary responded to the message of God with faithful obedience. What circumstance is God asking you to humbly surrender in so He can do a great work? In all situations, let us remember that with God nothing is impossible, and as we hear His words for us, turn them into prayers of surrender.

Luke 2

Luke's record reveals that some of the first people to be told of Christ's birth were shepherds. Shepherds belonged to a lowly class of people, but it was this class of people that God chose to first receive the Gospel, the good news of Christ's coming as Savior, Messiah (Christ), and Lord. What is the significance of God choosing to reveal it to shepherds first?

Luke tells us that this man, Simeon (vv. 22-32) was "waiting for the consolation of Israel." His mind was heavenward and it was clear he knew where his true citizenship was founded. Is your life marked by a citizenship that is here on earth or one in Heaven? Do you look for and long for Christ to come?

Anna, an elderly woman, a prophetess, a widow- she does not allow her age or her circumstance hinder from preaching the Gospel. What can we learn from Anna's example?

Luke 3

In vv. 12-14 He addresses specific ways in which they should respond to what they have heard. Maybe this is because their positions lend themselves to sin in these specific areas. What are sins we are prone to, and maybe even blind to that keep us from bearing “good fruit?”

John a baptism of repentance and in v. 8 he tells the crowds to “bear fruits in keeping with repentance.” This is a reminder to us that repentance is not only mental, and that true repentance is marked by fruit. Does our repentance look this way? Is it accompanied by good fruit?

Compare the genealogy of Luke (vv. 23-38) to Matthew’s genealogy (Matthew 1:1-17). What differences do you notice?

Matthew emphasized Jesus's divine claim to the lineage of David. Why is it important that Luke emphasized the lineage of Adam?

Luke 4

In Jesus's response to temptation we are taught, not only to trust God's Word, but to also trust His Son. In our temptation, we must not only rely on God's Word to fight it, but in God's Son who has already defeated it.

Jesus is led into the wilderness where He is tempted, yet He succeeds in all three temptations. What comfort does this bring us knowing Jesus is our great High Priest?

Why is it significant that this happens before Jesus begins His ministry?

Satan begins two of his temptations with "if you are the Son of God.." (v.3, v.9). What weight does this carry when Jesus succeeds in these temptations (especially considering the last verse in chapter 3, "son of Adam, son of God")?

Luke 5

In this chapter people begin to get glimpses of Jesus's holiness. Jesus's holiness allows Peter to see His sin, makes a leprous man clean, and forgives a man's sin. Instead of leaving, He calls Peter to follow. Instead of becoming unclean, he offers cleansing to the leper. Instead of only healing a man's body, he heals both his body and his soul. Jesus, the holy One of God, came to cleanse us of our sin, and as we follow Him, He makes us holy like himself.

Do you believe Jesus can truly cleanse you from your sin? What keeps your from believing this?

The paralytic man's friends went to extreme measures to bring their friend to Jesus. Are you willing to go to extreme measures for friends and neighbors so that they may encounter the only one who can heal their bodies AND souls?

Jesus habitually sat at the table with tax collectors and sinners. How are you engaging with the lost?

Luke 6

“The Pharisees serve the law, but the law was meant to serve them....When we serve the Son, we discover that the law was made for us, to bless us not to burden us.”

The Pharisees fail to see that Jesus is, in fact, Lord of the Sabbath. What are areas in your life where you often fail to recognize Jesus as King?

Compare and contrast the beatitudes of Matthew (Matthew 5: 2-12) with these in Luke (vv.20-23). What differences do you see? What do you think this reveals about the meaning of the beatitudes?

Verse 45 says "out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks." What does your language say about the condition of your heart? Do your words demonstrate good fruit or evil?

Luke 7-8

In these two chapters we see Jesus's compassion for a widow (vv. 11-16), His forgiveness of a known sinful woman's sin (vv. 36-49), the faithfulness of the women who followed Him (vv. 8:1-3), and the faith of a bleeding woman (vv. 8:40-48). We see Jesus' concern for women (as well as children and others who were vulnerable and marginalized) in much of His ministry that was probably uncommon in this time. What does this reveal about the heart of God?

How does the way we treat the vulnerable and marginalized teach others about God?

The parable of the sower reveals three enemies: the world, the flesh, and the devil. How can we guard against falling prey to these enemies upon hearing God's Word?

Luke 9

In vv.18-20 Jesus addresses the question of who He is. Why is it important to know who Jesus is?

What things often inform people's view of who Jesus is? What things inform your view of who He is?

What has it cost you to follow Jesus? There are two several references in this chapter of the cost of following Jesus. Interestingly they come right after Jesus feeds the five thousand. We are first shown that He supplies and satisfies us before we are commanded to take our cross. What is the importance of knowing that truth first?

Luke 10

What similarities do you see between Ch. 9:48 and Ch. 10:16?

What does v. 20 reveal to us about where our true joy is rooted?

Vv 38-42. What did Mary value most? In what ways can we learn from Mary's example?

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life is messy and
inconsistent. Take
today to catch up
on any reading
that you have
fallen behind on.**



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