



NT Book:

LUKE



**Who: Anonymous/Dr. Luke**

- While technically anonymous, Luke-Acts has often been attributed to Luke (associate of Paul)

**What:** Luke could be subtitled, "*An Investigative Orderly Account*"

**Where:**

- Written to "Theophilus" — *lover-of-God* — possibly the patron of this work
- Written for a mix of Jews and Gentiles
- "Savior" term used strictly by Hellenized world

**When:**

- After 70 A.D. (Luke 19:43-44 points to this)

**Why:**

- Providing the historical origin of the Christian People
- A Biography of Jesus
- A Defense of Christianity

**People:**

Beyond typical synoptic individuals and groups...

- Mary / Elizabeth / Widows / Crippled Woman / Mary & Martha / Women in General / Down & Out / Gentiles / Simeon / Samaritans

**Places:**

- Nazareth / Bethlehem / The home of Lazarus — Bethany

**Famous Passages:**

- 2:1-52—Birth narrative of Jesus Christ
- 15:1-31—The Lost Sheep/Coin/Son

**Memorization:**

- 2:52—Jesus' growth before God and men
- 19:10—Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost

**Themes:**

- **Salvation for the World through Jesus** (Deliverance for Israel / bringing people back into the plan / full place to the down-n-out / physically impaired / those under Satan's control / bringing healing and wholeness to all)
- **Jesus portrayed as not only fully God, but also fully human** (a prophet / a man accredited to you by God—2:22 / birth story / fully God and fully man)

**Sonar (Discussion Topics & Notes):**

- 1) Poverty in the ancient world—only so many goods to go around (6:20, 24 / 16:19-31 / Acts 4:43-35)
- 2) Who are like the Samaritans to the religious people of today?
- 3) Synoptic problem — many parallels, even word for word, 90% of Mark in Matthew, for instance...

**Options:**

- Inspiration to remember exact words?
- Inspired to tell the story the same way?
- Oral tradition?
- Matthew 1st?
- Mark 1st?
- Two source hypothesis? = "*Quelle*"

**Size:** 24 Chapters / Pages 760-788 in SLWC Pew Bible

**Location:** After Mark Before John / 3rd NT Book /  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way through

**Features:**

Genealogy all the way back to Adam (3:23-38)  
Jesus' Inaugural Address (4:18-19)  
Luke-Acts emphasis on prayer (ex. 18:1-8 / 18:9-14)

**Structure:**

- 1:1-4:13 (Jesus' Birth & early years)
- 4:14-9:50 (Galilean ministry)
- 9:51-19:27 (Trip to Jerusalem)
- 19:28-28:56 (Triumphal entry & passion week)
- 24:1-53 (Resurrection & post-resurrection appearances)