

A Survey of the New Testament

Lesson 5: Luke

“A Logical Defense for Jesus”

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Summary: Luke presents a carefully researched record of Jesus' life so Gentiles will recognize His absolute perfection.

Title & Author: Luke

- Luke was a Gentile (Col. 4:11-14).
- He was a _____ (Col. 4:14).
- He was well educated.
- He might have been from _____.
 - The early church fathers said he was.
 - Much of Acts focuses on events in Antioch.

Source: Luke used many sources.

- Eyewitnesses (1:3)
- Ministers of the word (1:3)
- _____ was a good source for later events.
 - He joined Paul's team in Acts 16:6-11.
 - He returned to Jerusalem with Paul (Acts 21:1).
 - He remained with Paul during his imprisonment (2 Tim. 4:11).

Date: Luke's wrote prior to Paul's death.

- These books were probably part of _____ legal defense.
- Acts ends before Paul' first imprisonment was over.
- Tradition says Paul was martyred by Nero in AD 64.
- Luke was probably written around _____.

Purpose:

- Luke addressed _____ in both Luke and Acts (1:1-4; Acts 1:1-2).
 - He was evidently instructed in the ways of Christianity (1:4).
 - Luke addressed him as a high-ranking official (1:3).
 - Some believe he was a saved official in a Roman palace.
 - Others say he was Paul's _____ in Rome.
- Luke wrote to create a _____ account of Jesus' life (1:3).
 - “perfect understanding”
 - “from the very first”
 - Write “in order”
 - “eyewitnesses”

Key Theme: Jesus is the _____ Man.

- Luke shows Jesus' complete perfection and unjust death.
 - The religious leaders accused Jesus of being a political enemy of Rome.
 - Following the empire's political enemy will not result in long life.
 - Probably the best defense is clarifying who Jesus really was: a perfect man who was _____ accused and killed by the Jews.

Luke's Timeline:

- Early Life
 - Chapters 1:1-2:52
 - About _____ years
- Jesus' Ministry
 - Chapters 3:1-9:50
 - About _____ years
- Jesus' Ministry Closing
 - Chapters 9:51-19:27
 - _____ months
- Jesus' Death and Resurrection
 - Chapters 19:28-24:53
 - _____ days

Book Content Overview:

- Jesus' Personal Identity
 - Luke's Purpose Statement (1:1-4)
 - Jesus' birth and relationship to John the Baptist (1:5-2:38)
 - Jesus' _____ (2:39-52)
 - Jesus' baptism (3:1-22)
 - Jesus' genealogy (3:23-38)
 - Jesus resisting temptation (4:1-13)
- Jesus' Ministry Begins
 - Working in Nazareth, Capernaum, and Galilee (4:14-44)
 - Calling His _____ (5:1-6:16)
- Jesus' Compassionate Ministry
 - Sermon on the Mount (6:17-49)
 - Healing people in and around Galilee (7:1-9:9)
 - Caring for the _____ (9:10-17)
 - Jesus foretells His death (9:18-50).
- Jesus' Ministry Expands
 - _____ (9:51-10:37)
 - Bethany and Judea (10:38-13:35)
 - Perea (14:1-19:27)
- Jesus' Ministry Ends
 - Entrance into Jerusalem (19:28-44)
 - Circumventing the Religious leaders (19:45-22:6)

- Passover and betrayal (22:7-53)
- Murder of an _____ man (22:54-23:55).
- The Resurrection (23:56-24:53)

Important People:

- _____
- Jesus
- Mary & Joseph
- 12 Disciples
- _____ the Tetrarch
- Pilate

Application: Respect the government because it is an institution ordained by God.