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# Luke: Who is Jesus? introduction

## Welcome to the gospel of Luke!

If you want to learn about Jesus, the gospel of Luke is a great place to start. This gospel is a trustworthy, well-researched account written by a man who took great care in giving us the facts about Jesus. It is also the longest and most comprehensive account that we have of the life of Jesus. Luke contains stories that the other gospels don't have and even tells us a little bit about Jesus as a young man.

As you work through these studies you will meet a man like no other. Jesus is the most influential and pivotal figure in all of history. He is the Lord of the universe who came down to earth to die on the cross for us. He was also a great teacher who showed us the true way to live.

In these studies you will see that Jesus was (and is!) the most amazing person who ever lived. He is more powerful than the forces of evil, nature and even death itself. A life spent getting to know him is the best life of all.

Enjoy this great gospel!

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# going deeper

going deeper



**Let's get the facts straight: Read Luke 1:1-4.**

✦ When you read this does anything catch your attention?

**Jesus is the fulfillment of God's big plan! (v.1)**

Luke tells us that "things have been fulfilled." Look at the following Bible verses to figure out what Luke is talking about.

Micah 5:2 \_\_\_\_\_

Galatians 4:4-5 \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 1:1-2 \_\_\_\_\_

**This book is true! (v.2-3) Three simple, quick questions:**

1. Who has Luke spoken to? (v. 2)
2. What has he done to make sure the book is trustworthy? (v. 3)
3. What kind of story has he written? (v. 3)

✦ In light of these verses, what would you say to someone who tells you, "The Bible is just a bunch of made up stories"? Or, "You can't trust what the Bible says"?

**FYI**

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

### Who was Luke?

The Bible gives us a few clues.  
Here's what we know:  
He was a doctor (Colossians 4:14).  
He worked with the Apostle Paul (Philemon v.24).  
He was a companion and support to Paul (2 Timothy 4:11).

### Who was Theophilus?

We don't actually know who Theophilus was. His name means "lover of God." There are a number of options as to who he was...

- A rich man who paid for the book
- A friend of Luke's
- A code name for the Christians Luke was writing to

Whoever he was, he had this famous book written for him!

## This book is “orderly”!

+ What does it mean that this book is an “orderly account”?

+ Why is it important? How does this help us?

**please notice:** Luke wrote this book for his friend (v. 4).

» Why did he write this book?

» Why is this fact important to us?

**Did you know...** Luke is the only one of the four gospels that contains the story of Jesus as a boy! This means that in Luke we can learn about Jesus’ birth, his life as an adult, his death and resurrection, and even a bit about his youth! (See Luke 2:41-52.)



getting active  
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## Helping each other

+ If we ever have doubts, how can the book of Luke help us to keep going in the Christian faith?

+ How can we help each other to trust the Bible?

## let's pray

- Pray that we will learn and apply what we read in this “trustworthy and orderly” story about Jesus.
- Pray that we will trust Jesus more and more as we read this book.
- Thank God for this trustworthy, orderly account.

## stay tuned

Next week, we will see that Jesus is the promised rescuer!



FOR YOUR EYES ONLY:  
**The week ahead**



# FOR YOUR EYES ONLY: The Week ahead

## 1. Personal Bible Reading

Try to read chapters 1-3 of the Gospel of Luke this week. You will learn about the birth of Jesus and his family history. It is a great part of the book and some of it may be familiar to you. (We will only suggest three chapters this week as they are longer than usual.)

### my weekly Bible reading plan!

In the Gospel of Luke I read (place a ✓ when you have read it.)

Chapter 1  Chapter 2  Chapter 3

### You can trust the Bible!

Some people may tell you that the Bible isn't trustworthy or it is just "made up."  
**Read 1 John 1:1-4.**

✦ Through which of John's senses did he experience Jesus? (v. 1)

\_\_\_\_\_

✦ Why does he say this? (v. 2- 4 )

✦ What does this tell us about the trustworthiness of John's book?

**Here are some more Bible passages that show us the Bible is trustworthy:**

John 20:30-31

John 21:24-25

2 Peter 1:16-21.

Can you learn the memory verse below (Luke 2:10-11)? Give it a try this week!

**BUT the angel said to them, "DO NOT BE AFRAID. I BRING YOU GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY THAT WILL BE FOR ALL THE PEOPLE. TODAY IN THE TOWN OF DAVID A SAVIOR HAS BEEN BORN TO YOU; HE IS THE CHRIST, THE LORD."**

LUKE 2:10-11

### 3. Prayer

God's word is all about helping us to get to know our creator. Pray that you will get to know God better each day. Pray that you will trust God and his word for the rest of your life.

Things that I can thank God for: \_\_\_\_\_

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Things that I need to pray for: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Getting to know the life of Jesus better!

If you want to learn more about who Jesus was, look up each of these verses in Luke and write in the space next to it what it tells us about the life of Jesus

2:6-7	2:41-52
3:21-22	22:47-48
23:2-4	23:23-25
23:33	23:46-47
23:53	24:1-6
24:51	