
OWNit365 Bible Reading Tips

To assist you in making the most of your Bible reading, we offer the following:

- Background and overview information about the book
- Thoughts and questions for your personal reflection and observation
- Questions that you can use in a small group setting
- Something to look for in each chapter

Luke

Key Verse

Luke 19:10 for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost. (NKJV)

Focus on Humanity of Jesus

The gospel of Luke presents Jesus as the Son of man, emphasizing His humanity. Luke was a physician ([Col 4:14](#)) who recorded details about Jesus' humanity including:

- His birth, circumcision, and childhood ([Luke 2](#))
- His age at baptism and genealogy ([Luke 3](#))
- His weeping over Jerusalem ([Luke 19](#))
- His sweating of blood in agony ([Luke 22](#))
- His comforting the women who wept for Him ([Luke 23](#))
- His eating after His resurrection ([Luke 24](#))

Luke examined firsthand accounts of Jesus' life to produce an accurate gospel for Theophilus (identity unknown) ([Luke 1:1-4](#)).

Themes

Jesus as Savior, universal good news, the poor and outcast, prayer, joy

Genealogy Compared to Matthew

The gospels contain two genealogies of Jesus. [Matthew 1](#) records Jesus' kingly genealogy through Joseph (Jesus' stepfather). [Luke 3](#) records Jesus' human genealogy through Mary (Jesus' mother). This is consistent with Matthew presenting Jesus as the King of the Jews and Luke presenting Jesus as the Son of man (His humanity). (Note: [Luke 3:23](#) says Joseph was only thought to be in this genealogy. Heli was Mary's father and Joseph's father-in-law.)

Author

Luke (author of Luke and Acts) may have been a Gentile and the only non-Jewish author in the New Testament. In [Colossians 4:14](#), Luke is listed among the Gentile names instead of Jewish ones.

Personal Reflection and Application

What does it mean to be lost? We've heard of people losing their income, a loved one, or their health, but the ultimate loss is loss of soul.

Luke 9:25 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?

- When you are lost, you are a loss to yourself. You have no peace or joy of God.

- When you are lost, you are a loss to your loved ones. You can't provide for them spiritually.
- When you are lost, you are a loss to God. You are not able to have fellowship with Him. He desperately wants you, but will not save you against your will.

Small Group Conversation Guide

Blessings

- Do you do as God directs even if it doesn't make sense to you ([Luke 5:3-5](#))?
- When God blesses you, do you share the blessing with others ([Luke 5:7](#))?
- Do you see blessings from God's point of view ([Luke 5:10-11](#))?

Gratitude

In the story of the leper ([Luke 17:11-19](#)), leprosy pictures sin as separation from God. The lepers stood afar off and cried. He tested their faith. They had to obey the test of truth. Only one leper did the right thing.

- How often do you express gratitude for what He has done for you?
- What can we do to remember to express our gratitude?

Something to Find in Each Chapter

As you read through the book, it may help to have something to find in each chapter.

Try this:

01. Why Zacharias was made mute	02. What Simeon said when he held Jesus in his arms
03. What people heard when Jesus was baptized	04. How Satan tempted Jesus in three ways
05. What Peter said after the miraculous catch of fish	06. Why Jesus was criticized for healing the man's hand
07. What surprised Jesus about the faith of the centurion	08. Who Jesus claimed was in his true family
09. How the apostles packed for their missions trip	10. Why Martha was not sitting and listening to Jesus
11. What Jesus said to the woman who blessed Mary	12. What God gives people who seek the kingdom of God
13. Why the ruler was hypocritical to criticize a healing	14. What Jesus required of people to be His disciples
15. What happens in heaven when one sinner repents	16. What the rich man remembered about his life
17. What percentage of the lepers thanked Jesus	18. How the Pharisee and tax collector prayed differently
19. How the nobleman rewarded his faithful servants	20. What happens if "the stone" (Christ) is rejected
21. How God evaluates giving based upon percentage	22. Why Jesus asked the disciples to pray
23. What Jesus promised one of the crucified thieves	24. Which Hebrew Scriptures prophesied of Jesus