

Life Lessons in Luke

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Hebrews 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders & the sin that so easily entangles. Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. the pioneer & perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God... so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Welcome!

- ▶ This study from the gospel of Luke will explore sections of the book, sometimes brief, sometimes lengthy.
- ▶ We will focus on how each section applies and interacts with our lives and world views.
- ▶ Class members will be encouraged to read and meditate on the upcoming section each week.

Our main goal is to notice the “in-breaking of God” into the world through the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. These births come in a miraculous and semi-miraculous fashion, showing the power of God.

- ▶ Our second (primary?) goal is to ask how this message affects and plays out in our lives.

Class Policies and Approach

- ▶ Sit in the middle? Discussion?
- ▶ Interaction with the text and with each other
- ▶ Not a survey! Both in depth and overview
- ▶ Textual, Topical and Systematic Theology
- ▶ Examine our world view in light of Luke
- ▶ Goal: Apply to our lives!

Meditating on the Text

The emphasis is not just on knowledge or information but on how the scripture impacts our lives.

Repeatedly going over the text drilling it into our minds....

Walt Leaver

- ▶ Homecoming 2021; Bible and note book; Walt Leaver
- ▶ What has God said to you today?
 - ▶ Sin: to avoid or confess
 - ▶ Promise: to claim or wake you up
 - ▶ Example: to follow, positive or negative
 - ▶ Command: to obey
 - ▶ Know: Something I need to know

Phil Ware

- ▶ Read one chapter of a Gospel Each Day
- ▶ Four gospels each quarter

- ▶ God please help me hear Jesus in what I'm reading. Especially help me to hear what Jesus wants me to know, how he wants me to feel, what he wants me to do with what I'm reading, and what of this I need to share with others.

-Phil Ware



fixing our eyes on Jesus

Thought Questions

- ▶ What is a “miracle”?
- ▶ Does God insert Himself into the world today?
- ▶ Can God perform miracles today?
- ▶ Does God perform miracles today?
- ▶ Has God ever called you to a specific task?

Time period from last revelation until the birth of Jesus

- ▶ United Kingdom
- ▶ Divided Kingdom
- ▶ Assyrian Captivity
- ▶ Babylonian Captivity
- ▶ Roman Occupation
- ▶ Rise of the synagogue
- ▶ 600 years of silence...(Intertestamental period)

Background: Messianic Expectation

- ▶ Complex
- ▶ Restoration of Physical and Political Israel
- ▶ Current political situation in Israel, Roman Control
- ▶ One like Elijah

Some interesting questions...

- ▶ Have you gone through the agony of wanting to have children but could not?
- ▶ Was it easy or hard for you to have children?
- ▶ What would you say if you found out / you /your wife was pregnant today?
 - ▶ Impossible!!!
 - ▶ Happy? Sad?
 - ▶ Wonderful!!!
 - ▶ Oh, No!
- ▶ Have you heard the phrase, the miracle of birth?

The Announcement of John's Birth

- ▶ Character of Zechariah and Elizabeth
 - ▶ Wouldn't you like to describe you and your wife? Your children?
- ▶ Zechariah's service as priest
- ▶ Appearance of an Angel
 - ▶ Wow! What is the reaction when people see an angel?
- ▶ How Old is “very old”???
- ▶ Announcement
 - ▶ Discussion—What if you heard this?
- ▶ Reaction: Questioning! Do you blame Zechariah!
- ▶ Elizabeth in Seclusion
- ▶ ‘John’, which means ‘God is gracious’





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Outline of Luke

- ▶ The miraculous in-breaking of God in history through Jesus (Birth and Call of Jesus and John)
- ▶ The initiation of the ministry of John and Jesus
- ▶ The teachings of Jesus
- ▶ Conflict with the religious authorities
- ▶ Death of Jesus
- ▶ Resurrection of Jesus

Main Point: Jesus, the son of God, came as the promised Messiah and died for our sins!

- ▶ This Gospel tells the story of his birth, life, death and resurrection.
- ▶ At every step of the way, we are reminded that this Jesus is no mere man. We are reminded through miracle and presence of the Holy Spirit.
- ▶ In our study we will alternate between the part and whole. We never want to lose sight of the big picture while looking for details.

Prologue 1:1-4

- ▶ Luke
- ▶ Doctor
- ▶ Acts
- ▶ Orderly Account
 - ▶ How “orderly” or systematic are you?
- ▶ More about Luke and the features of the gospel as we go along.

Birth Narratives

- ▶ Welcome to Lake Wobegon, where all the women are strong, all the men are good-looking, and all the children are above average. [Garrison Keillor](#)
- ▶ John the Baptist and Jesus are no ordinary men. They are WAY ABOVE AVERAGE. They are supernatural and God is working through them.
- ▶ Do you have an interesting birth story???
 - ▶ Tom Steed, Jonathan Hill

Outline of Chapter 1 (Birth Narratives)

- ▶ Intro 1-4
- ▶ Appearance to Zechariah: John the Baptist 1:5-24
- ▶ Birth of Jesus foretold, announcement to Mary 1:26-38
- ▶ Mary Visits Elizabeth 1:39-45
- ▶ Mary's Song 1:46-56
- ▶ Zechariah's Song 1:57-79
- ▶ Growth of John the Baptist 1:80

Outline of Chapter 2 (Birth Narratives)

- ▶ Jesus Birth 2:1-7
- ▶ Shepherds announcement and praise 2:8-21
- ▶ Presentation in the temple 2:21-24
- ▶ Praise from Simeon 2:25-35
- ▶ Praise from Anna, 2:36-38
- ▶ Growth of Jesus 2:39-40

Topic and Application: Calling

The Call of Zechariah, Elizabeth and Mary

- ▶ Thought Question: What do Isaiah 6 and Luke 1 have in common?

Your Calling

- ▶ Has God ever called you to some specific task? How did / does that calling come?
- ▶ Connection to Isaiah 6 and other Old Testament callings
- ▶ "Don't be afraid to be who God has called you to be—it may be someone hated; it may be someone anonymous. You may lose in the eyes of the world, but you will be rewarded when our Lord calls your name, 'Well done, my beloved one.'" Jessica Hooten Wilson (5.27.22) via Chuck Webster, Facebook



Lesson 3 Luke Chapter 2

What is your favorite “Christmas Carole” and why?

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Second Birth Announcement and Calling of Mary

- ▶ *Jesus, which is the equivalent of Heb. ‘Joshua’ and means ‘Savior’*
- ▶ *John the Baptist and Jesus are special people called to be a part of God’s plan to rescue Israel (and the world)!*

Topic: Praise in 1 & 2

- ▶ Mary's Song 1:46-55
- ▶ Sing the Magnificat!!!
- ▶ Zechariah's song 1:67-79
- ▶ Angels 2:13
- ▶ Simeon's song 2:28-32
- ▶ Anna's song 2:36-38
- ▶ Praising God is both natural and an art.
- ▶ The Psalms are a textbook in praise.
- ▶ What is the difference between “praising God” and “thanking God”?

Topic: Holy Spirit in 1 & 2

- ▶ 1:15 John the B to be filled with the spirit before birth
- ▶ 1:35 to Mary, the Holy Spirit will come on you
- ▶ 1:41 Elizabeth filled with the Holy Spirit
- ▶ 1:67 Zechariah filled with the Holy Spirit
- ▶ 2:25 The Holy Spirit was on Simeon

Topic: Messiah in 1 & 2

- ▶ 1:32-33 Mary's son to be ruler
- ▶ 2:12 Shepherds told Messiah is born
- ▶ 2:34 Simeon's pronouncement
- ▶ 2:38 Anna, the child for the redemption of all Israel

Topic: Angels in 1 & 2

- ▶ 1:11 Gabriel to Zechariah
- ▶ 1:26 Gabriel to Mary
- ▶ 2:9 Angels to the shepherds

Our Purpose:

- ▶ Main topic, Is Jesus the Christ, the Messiah? Then he died for our sins, etc.
- ▶ Christmas in July---(We study this in December.)
- ▶ As disciples and followers, look at the incredible details of this section of scripture, the birth narratives of John and Jesus.
- ▶ Look at the relationship between church and state.
 - ▶ Then, as now, the government and God vied for the attention of the people.

Thesis

- ▶ The birth narratives establish the divinity of Jesus and his role as the Messiah. This is laying the foundation for the entirety of the story of Jesus found in the book of Luke.
- ▶ Jesus, is the Messiah, the one true Ruler of all the world. The goal of peace is found in Him.



1 - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing – 1001

A musical score for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano. The score consists of four staves. The top two staves are for the voices, and the bottom two staves are for the piano. The music is in common time (indicated by '4') and G major (indicated by a treble clef and a single sharp sign). The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the corresponding vocal parts. The piano part includes bass notes and harmonic chords.

Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born King!

Peace on earth and mer-cy mild, God and sin-ners rec-on-ciled!"

Words by: Charles Wesley
Music by: Mendelssohn

1 - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing – 1001

The musical score consists of two staves of music in common time, key of G major (two sharps). The top staff uses a treble clef and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. The lyrics are integrated with the music:

Joy - ful all ye na-tions rise; Join the tri-umph of the skies;
With th'an-gel-ic hosts pro-claim, Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!

The music features various note values including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. The bass staff includes some rests and a single note with a diamond-shaped head.

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Musical notation for two voices (treble and bass) in G major, 2/4 time. The treble clef is on the top line, and the bass clef is on the bottom line. The music consists of two staves of eight measures each, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics "With th'an-gel-ic hosts pro-claim, Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!" are centered below the music.

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2 - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing – 1001

A musical score for two voices (Soprano and Bass) in common time, key of G major. The music consists of four staves of musical notation. The lyrics are integrated into the staves, appearing below the vocal parts. The first two staves begin with a soprano note followed by a bass note. The lyrics are:

Mild, He lays His glo-ry by, Born that man no more may die;

The next two staves begin with a soprano note followed by a bass note. The lyrics are:

Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec-ond birth.

Words by: Charles Wesley
Music by: Mendelssohn

2 - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing – 1001

The musical score consists of four staves. The top two staves are for voices (soprano and alto) and the bottom two are for piano. The music is in common time, key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are:

Veiled in flesh the God-head see; Hail th'in-car-nate De-i - ty;

Pleased as man with men to dwell, Je-sus, our Im-man-u - el!

2 - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing – 1001

Pleased as man with men to dwell, Je-sus, our Im-man-u-el!

3 - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing – 1001

Hail the heav'nborn Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings.

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3 - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing – 1001

The musical score consists of two staves of music in common time, key of G major (two sharps). The top staff uses a treble clef and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. The lyrics are integrated into the music:

Christ, by high-est heav'n a-dored, Christ, the ev-er-last-ing Lord:

Come, De-sire of na-tions, come, Fix in us Thy hum-ble home;

3 - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing – 1001

A musical score for a hymn. The top staff uses a treble clef and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. Both staves are in common time and key signature of two sharps. The lyrics "Come, De-sire of na-tions, come, Fix in us Thy hum-ble home." are centered below the staves.

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