

## Summary of Luke and John

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Luke and John are the third and fourth gospel accounts in the New Testament. Luke is a physician's account of Jesus. In the Gospel of Luke, one finds the longest and most detailed of the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. Authorship of the Gospel of Luke is usually attributed to Luke, a Gentile physician from Antioch in Syria. Like the Gospel of Matthew, Luke also presents the lineage of Jesus, but there are notable differences in the two accounts. While Matthew's genealogy is traced from Joseph to the patriarch, Abraham, the Lucan lineage is traced from Mary all the way to Adam and Eve.

Since Luke is writing for a Gentile audience, his purpose is to show that Jesus of Nazareth is the savior of all humankind. Luke mentions the Spirit of God more than any other writers of the New Testament. Luke imparts that prayer is very important to Jesus. Regarding the physical death of Jesus and his resurrection, Luke makes sure that this is clearly communicated in chapter 24, the last chapter of the book. Luke writes that Jesus is resurrected physically from death by writing that the risen Jesus ate a piece of fish, which means that Jesus' resurrection is real and not imagined. Luke ends the book with the return of Jesus to heaven, the Ascension, with the last words of Jesus to his disciples that they should tell everyone about the things that happened.

Around year 90 A.D. John the apostle writes to the second generation of Christians which today is known like the quarter of Gospels. John was a disciple whom Jesus loved. He was the apostle in the Bible. He was the son of Zebedee, a Galilean fisherman. Before he became one of the apostles of Jesus, he had already been a disciple of John the Baptist. After the departure of Jesus, John appears as present in Jerusalem with Peter and the other apostles. John witnessed some special events in the life of Jesus, such as the Transfiguration. According to John, Christ participated in the original act of the creation but to its due time the Divine Word was sent to the Earth like the Verb - that summarizes everything what God wished to say. God expressed itself of the only form that we could understand it: Becoming one of us. John wrote the Gospel for

Christians who were already familiar with the Synoptics. He gives the mature Christians a more profound insight into the personality of Jesus.

### **The Gospel According to Luke**

The Book of Luke is of the gospel genre. After a small introduction, Luke tells of how Zechariah was told of the birth of John the Baptist by the angel, Gabriel. Gabriel is sent to Nazareth to Mary and told her of Jesus' birth. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus and that He is presented in the Temple on the eighth day after His birth. John the Baptist is already preparing the way of the gospel. When Jesus is about thirty years old, He is baptized by John. Luke then lists Jesus' genealogy. Luke tells of Jesus' temptation while He in the desert for forty days. The people of Nazareth drive Jesus out of town. Jesus heals many and calls for His first disciples. Jesus teaches many people the gospel. In His teachings He uses parables and healings. Jesus feeds five thousand people out of five loaves of bread and two fish. Jesus warns His disciples, especially Peter, not to tell the people that He is The Christ. Peter, John, and James went with Jesus up onto a mountain. Jesus' transfiguration occurs there. Jesus teaches the Lord's Prayer. Jesus gives many warnings and encouragements. During the Last Supper, Jesus tells Peter that he will deny knowing Him three times. Jesus prays on the Mount of Olives and then is arrested. Peter does indeed deny Jesus three times. Jesus is taken before Pilate and Herod. Jesus is crucified, dies, is buried and then resurrected. Jesus appears to His disciples and commissions them to preach repentance and the remission of sins from Jerusalem to all nations. He commands them to wait in the city to first receive the promised power of the Holy Spirit. Then He ascends to heaven.

### **The Gospel According to John**

The Book of John is of the gospel genre. John opens with a description of the Word becoming flesh. John the Baptist denies being the Christ. John the Baptist declares it is Jesus who is the Lamb of God. Jesus calls on His first disciples. John describes Jesus turning water into wine at a wedding. Jesus teaches the kingdom of God to Nicodemus. John the Baptist gives testimony about Jesus. Jesus has a conversation with a Samaritan woman. John tells of Jesus healing many people and feeding of the five thousand. John tells of when Jesus walks on water.

Jesus goes to the Feast of Tabernacles and teaches there. There is discussion about Jesus as the Christ. The Jewish leaders do not believe that He is the Christ. Jesus tries to validate His testimony to the Pharisees. Lazarus dies and then is brought back to life by Jesus. Jesus predicts His own death. The Jews continue in their disbelief. Jesus predicts Judas' betrayal and Peter's denial. Jesus tells Thomas that He is the way to the Father. Jesus prays for Himself, His disciples, and for all believers. Jesus is arrested and taken to Annas. Peter's denies Jesus three times. Jesus is taken to before Pilate. Pilate sentences Jesus to be crucified. Jesus is crucified, dies and then is buried. John tells of the empty tomb. Jesus first appears to Mary Magdalene and then to His disciples. Jesus sends them as the Father had sent Him, tells them to receive the Holy Spirit, and commissions to forgive sins. Finally, Jesus has breakfast of fish and bread with His disciples, at which Peter is told to take care of and feed Jesus' sheep.