



A Guided Tour of the Bible: Discovering God in

Luke

Background

- The gospel of Luke is the longest book in the New Testament and the most comprehensive record of the life and ministry of Christ.
- Luke was a Gentile physician and traveling companion of the Apostle Paul (Col. 4:14) (Phil. 24) (2 Tim. 4:11).
- He compiled his gospel record for a man named Theophilus ("lover of God") based on interviews with eyewitnesses (1:1-4).
- The gospel of Luke and the book of Acts are companion pieces in a two-volume set.

Roadmap

1. The Sending - "*The Son of man is come...*" (1:1-4:13)

A. The Son of Man Introduced (1-2)

B. The Son of Man Identified (3:4-13)

2. The Seeking - "*...to seek...*" (4:14-19:27)

A. His journey through Galilee (4:14-9:50)

B. His journey to Jerusalem (9:51-19:27)

3. The Saving - "*...and to save that which was lost.*" (19:28-24:53)

A. The Sacrifice (19:28-23:56)

B. The Sovereign (24)

Landmark

Luke's purpose is to introduce us to Jesus Christ, the Son of Man (19:10). By focusing on Christ's birth and His dependence upon God the Father and God the Spirit, he emphasizes the Messiah's humanity.

Must See

In Luke, Jesus is the perfect God-man who comes to offer salvation to all people (2:32, 3:6, 19:10, 23:42-43).

Takeaway

Dr. Luke's Gospel cures us in four ways:

1. Stability - an accurate record of fact.
2. Identity - a human record of dependence.
3. Affinity - a touching record of compassion.
4. Necessity - a compelling record of forgiveness.