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# LOOKING WITH LUKE

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## AT THE LORD OF LOVE

This year, as we prepare to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, we invite you to join us in taking “a look with Luke” at the Lord Jesus.

The Plan: read six chapters of the gospel in each of the four weeks leading up to Easter. Below are key ideas and verses to help focus your daily reading.

KEY THEMES: how does Jesus minister? and to whom?

- by prayer, the Spirit
- to the poor/lowly/outcast (women, Gentiles)

Chapters 1-2: Announcements of Jesus’ Coming, Birth

*(begins with the faithful waiting in hope... in the TEMPLE, etc.)*

Focus: SING SONGS of HOPE & SEE Promises to the Fathers Fulfilled

Starting Point – 2:14 (celebrating the good news!)

*“Glory to God in the highest*

*and on earth peace to those in whom he delights.”*

1 - 'songs' of Mary (echoes Hannah in 1 Sam 2) and Zechariah

2 - song of the angels ("Glory to God...") and Simeon's words  
ends with Jesus’ first visits to the **Temple**

Chapters 3-9: Jesus’ Ministry in Galilee

Focus: SEE JESUS & THE PEOPLE HE TOUCHES

Starting Point(s) - 4:18-19 and 5:11-12

*“I have not come to call the righteous,  
but sinners to repentance.”*

3 - John calls us to repentance, presents Jesus

**BAPTISM** – The Father *delights* in the Son

4 - Jesus declares the Word - against the devil, to the people

<Key: Isaiah 61:1-2 - “*The Spirit of the Lord is on me*

*He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor”>*

5 - Sinners received: Simon, a leper, a paralytic and a tax collector

6 - Showing mercy on the Sabbath, “*blessed are you poor!*”

7 - Mercy on a foreigner, a widow and a prostitute

8 - Power to save! from the deeps, demons, uncleanness, death!

9 - **TRANSFIGURATION** – prophets testify (compare Exodus 34)

& Father confirms the Son and his work

Followers sent to minister, feed hungry crowds (cf. Exodus 16)

\* How does Jesus minister to US?

\* How does he call us to minister in his name?

## Chapters 10-18 - Jesus on the Road to Jerusalem

Focus: HEAR JESUS' WORDS (teaching, parables)

Starting Point - 10:39

*“Mary ... sat at the Lord's feet, listening to what he said.”*

10 - The Good Samaritan (OT roots - 2 Chronicles 28)

11 - Pray to your Father! Dangers of not listening

12 - Beware false teaching. Parable of the Rich Fool

13 - Parables: fig tree, mustard seed. The narrow way

14 - Parables of the FEAST

15 - Lost! - The Prodigal Son (another feast!)

16 - The Rich Man and Lazarus

17 - The Coming of the Kingdom - ready?

18 - Challenges: Little Children, the Rich Ruler, Jesus to die?!

## Chapters 19-23: Jesus in Jerusalem (Passion Week)

Focus: HOUR OF DECISION: ACCEPTED OR REJECTED?

Starting Points - 19:10, 44

*“The Son of Man came to seek and save the lost!”*

*“You did not recognize the time of God's coming to you!”*

19 - When the Master comes, who receives him?

**TRIUMPHAL ENTRY**, cleansing the **Temple**

20 - Tenants of the Vineyard reject the Son

21 - Things to come – watch out for deceivers!

22 - A final supper and the feast to come

Even the disciples will stumble and slumber

*“BUT I have prayed for you!” v. 32*

Jesus 'decides' (prayer in the Garden), submits to arrest

23 - Words of compassion, grace from a crucified/'rejected' man...!

<to the women, those crucifying him, the thief>

Dies entrusting himself to Father (prays Psalm 31:5)

\* Jesus points us to the kingdom to come – to hope or judgment?

\* Who “gets it” and who doesn't?

## Ch. 24 - “HE IS RISEN!” (and teaching on the Road from Jerusalem...)

24:26-27 *“Did not the Christ have to suffer these things  
and then enter his glory?”*

*And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets,  
he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures  
concerning himself.*

Jesus show himself, explains his work

Jesus' sends with good news, ascends, lifting his hands (“benediction”)

<Book ends, as it began, with worship in the **temple**. What has changed?