

Lion and Lamb Apologetics'

LUKE

AN OVERVIEW

Purpose

To present an accurate account of the life of Christ and to present Christ as the perfect human and Savior.

Author

Luke—a doctor, a Greek, and a Gentile Christian—and is the only known Gentile author in the New Testament.

Date

Luke was written around AD 60 from Rome or possibly Caesarea.

Audience

Addressed to Theophilus, it was written to Gentiles and people everywhere.

Setting

Luke was a companion and close friend to the Apostle Paul.

Special Features

This is the most comprehensive Gospel. The general vocabulary and diction show that the author was educated as a physician, because he makes references to illnesses and diagnoses. He stresses the Lord's relationships with people; emphasizes prayer, miracles, and angels; records inspired hymns of praise and gives a prominent place to women.



Key Verses

“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” (2:11 ESV)

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free.” (4:18 NLT)

“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.” (9:23b ESV)

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” (19:10 ESV)

Key People

Jesus, Elizabeth, Zechariah, John the Baptist, Mary, the disciples, Herod the Great, Pilate, Mary Magdalene

Key Places

Bethlehem, Galilee, Judea, Jerusalem