GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY

*Studies in the Gospel of Luke*

*Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people.*

*Luke 1:68*

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Introduction

Around the year 60 A.D., a physician took up his pen to write to a “most excellent” friend. He wanted this friend to have an orderly account of One Whose life was the object of the faith of many. While the physician, Luke, was not himself an eyewitness of the One about Whom he wrote, he had “a perfect understanding” which he wanted to impart, that his friend, Theophilus, might have a certain basis for his own faith. This letter which we know as the “Gospel According to Luke” is an account of the life of Jesus, written by the inspiration of the Spirit of God.

Luke acknowledged to his friend that there were other accounts of the life of Jesus in that day. However, none brought the particular emphasis found in Luke’s Gospel. In the first place, Luke showed that Jesus was a true human being. From Luke we have the most detailed account of Jesus’ conception and birth to the virgin Mary. It is Luke who showed how the disciples touched the resurrection body and then watched Him eat a piece of broiled fish and some honeycomb. He was truly “flesh and bones.”

But while truly man, He was also the Son of God. Over and again through this letter, the message is repeated. This Man is indeed the Son of God. To Mary, the angel announced that “this Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.” By His miracles and teaching, He showed that He was God. Peter, speaking for other disciples, confessed that He was “the Christ of God.” The only accusation He answered before the Sanhedrin after His arrest was that He was truly the Son of God. Jesus was the true God Who had come in human flesh.

More than just the miracle of the incarnation, Luke emphasized the purpose of this wonderful event: “The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.” From the beginning announcements of His birth to His final pronouncements before His ascension into heaven, the message was the same. Jesus came as the Redeemer. He came to provide salvation that man might be forgiven and live “in holiness and righteousness.”

Furthermore, Luke emphasized the necessity of personal faith in Jesus. Faith is the means whereby the blessing of God is to be received. Men must confess that Jesus is the Son of God, the Messiah, their Lord. This faith would be manifest by forsaking all and following Jesus. It would be seen by worship of Jesus and in faithful service to Him.

Finally, Luke emphasized to his Greek friend that this work of redemption is a universal work. While Jesus was the fulfillment of the hope of Israel, long ago promised to Abraham, He was the hope of the Gentiles also. When Simeon saw the baby Jesus in the temple, he rejoiced to see the One Who would be “a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.” Just before Jesus ascended to the Father at the end of the Gospel, He commanded His disciples to take this message of salvation “to all nations.” The lost whom Jesus came to save would be found throughout the world.

This is truly “good tidings of great joy!” In Jesus, true God became true man that He might redeem sinners. As God, He lived without sin among sinners. As man, He died. But His death was not for His Own sins. He had none. His body was broken and His blood was shed for His people. His death on the cross provides forgiveness to all who believe in Him as Savior. The story Luke wrote commands a response. We must forsake all and, in simple faith, follow the Lord Jesus Christ.
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Scripture Memorization


23. And he said to [them] all,
   If any [man] will come after me,
    let him deny himself,
     and take up his cross daily,
      and follow me.

24. For whosoever will save his life
    shall lose it:
but whosoever will lose his life for my sake,
   the same shall save it.

25. For what is a man advantaged,
   if he gain the whole world,
and lose himself, or be cast away?


21. In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit,
    and said, I thank thee, O Father,
        Lord of heaven and earth,
         that thou hast hid these things
          from the wise and prudent,
           and hast revealed them unto babes:
            even so, Father;
             for so it seemed good in thy sight.

22. All things are delivered to me of my Father:
    and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father;
     and who the Father is, but the Son,
      and [he] to whom the Son will reveal [him].

Luke 12:4-7

4. And I say unto you my friends,
   Be not afraid of them that kill the body,
and after that have no more that they can do.

5. But I will forewarn you
   whom ye shall fear:
    Fear him,
     which after he hath killed
      hath power to cast into hell;
       yea, I say unto you,
        Fear him.
6. Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God?

7. But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.

Luke 19:10

10. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Luke 24:46-48

46. And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

47. And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

48. And ye are witnesses of these things.
One there is, above all others

John Newton, 1779

1. One there is, above all others, Well deserves the name of Friend;
2. Which of all our friends, to save us, Could or would have shed his blood?
3. When he lived on earth abased, “Friend of sinners” was his name;
4. Could we bear from one another What he daily bears from us?
5. O for grace our hearts to soften! Teach us, Lord, at length to love;

His is love beyond a brother’s, Costly, free, and knows no end:
But our Jesus died to have us reconciled in him to God.
Now above all glory raised, He rejoices in the same;
Yet this glorious Friend and Brother Loves us though we treat him thus:
We, alas! forget too often What a Friend we have above:

They who once his kindness prove Find it everlasting love.
This was boundless love indeed; Jesus is a Friend in need.
Still he calls them brethren, friends, And to all their wants attends,
Though for good we render ill, He accounts us brethren still.
But when home our souls are brought, We will love thee as we ought. Amen.
Lesson 1: Two Messages from Gabriel  
Luke 1:1-38

HYMN: “One there is, above all others”

SUMMARY: In the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to bring messages to two people. To Zacharias, Gabriel announced that he and his barren wife would have a son. This son would go in the power of the Holy Spirit to prepare the way for the Lord. To Mary, Gabriel announced that she would soon bear a Son in her virginity by the power of the Holy Spirit. Her Son would be Jesus, the Son of David, the Son of God.

1. Why did Luke write this Gospel?

2. What did Luke say about Zacharias and his wife?

3. What happened while Zacharias was offering incense in the Temple of the Lord?

4. Why did the angel of the Lord say that Zacharias would have joy and gladness?

5. What did the angel Gabriel say when Zacharias questioned the possibility of his message?

6. What happened after Zacharias completed his term of service at the Temple?

7. Where was the angel Gabriel sent next?

8. What did Gabriel tell Mary?

9. What did the angel Gabriel say when Mary questioned the possibility of his message?
Lesson 2: A Child Called John
Luke 1:39-80

MEMORY: Luke 9:23-24 HYMN: “One there is, above all others”

SUMMARY: When Mary visited Elisabeth, the Holy Spirit showed Elisabeth that Mary was to be the mother of the Lord. Mary magnified the Lord for His long awaited mercy. After Mary returned to her home, Elizabeth gave birth to a son. When Zacharias named the child John, his speech returned to him. He praised the Lord God for fulfilling His promise to Abraham and spoke of John’s ministry to prepare the way for the coming Messiah.

1. What happened when Mary entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth?

2. What did Elizabeth say to Mary?

3. For what did Mary praise the Lord in her song?

4. How did the neighbors and relatives react to the birth of Elisabeth’s baby?

5. How was a name chosen for the child Elisabeth bore?

6. What happened after the child was named?

7. For what did Zacharias bless the Lord God of Israel?

8. What did Zacharias expect God to do when He fulfilled the covenant He made with Abraham?

9. What did Zacharias say about his own child?
Lesson 3: The Birth of Jesus

Luke 2:1-52


HYMN: “One there is, above all others”

SUMMARY: Joseph and Mary went to register in Bethlehem because of the decree of Caesar Augustus. While there, Jesus was born. His birth was announced to shepherds in the nearby fields who glorified and praised God after they saw Jesus. Later, in the Temple, Simeon and Anna testified that this was the Redeemer-Messiah. At age 12, he amazed the teachers in the Temple with His wisdom as He set about to do His Father’s business.

1. Why did Joseph and Mary go to Bethlehem?

2. What did the angel of the Lord announce to the shepherds?

3. What did the shepherds do?

4. Why was Jesus brought to Jerusalem?

5. What did Luke tell us about Simeon?

6. What did Simeon say when he saw the Child Jesus?

7. Who was Anna and what did she do?

8. What did the 12-year old Jesus do when He was at Jerusalem for the Passover?

9. What comments are made about the growth of Jesus?
SUMMARY: John was sent by God to prepare the people for the coming of Jesus. He called the people to turn from their sins in anticipation of the coming One Who would baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire. When Jesus came, John baptized Him in the Jordan as the Holy Spirit descended upon Him and the Father spoke from heaven of His pleasure with Jesus, His beloved Son. After this, Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness for a time of temptation.

Lesson 4: Preparation for Ministry


1. Why did John preach?

2. What did John preach?

3. How did John answer the people who asked what they should do?

4. What did John say about Christ?

5. What happened when John baptized Jesus?

6. What did Luke show in the genealogy of Jesus?

7. Why did Jesus refuse to make bread when He was hungry?

8. What was the second temptation by the devil?

9. How did the devil try to get Jesus to tempt the LORD God?
SUMMARY: In Galilee, Jesus began His ministry in the power of the Spirit. When He came to Nazareth, He entered the synagogue where He read from the prophet Isaiah. The passage He read spoke of the Messiah’s ministry. At long last, it was being fulfilled. The people initially reacted favorably, but then became angry at His teaching and sought to kill Him. He continued His ministry of preaching and healing and began calling men to follow Him.


HYMN: “One there is, above all others”

Luke 4:14-44
1. What Scripture was fulfilled that day in Nazareth?

2. How did Jesus answer when they asked Him to do in Nazareth as He had done in Capernaum?

3. How did the people in the synagogue react to Jesus?

4. What amazed and astonished the people in Capernaum?

5. What miracles did Jesus do in Capernaum?

6. Why did Jesus leave Capernaum?

Luke 5:1-16
7. Why did Jesus get into Simon’s boat?

8. What did Simon learn from the fishing trip with Jesus?

9. What did Jesus tell the leper to do after he was healed?
Lesson 6: New Wine and New Wineskins
Luke 5:17-6:16

MEMORY: Luke 12:4. Review. HYMN: “One there is, above all others”
SUMMARY: In healing the paralytic man, Jesus claimed authority to forgive sins. When the Jewish religious leaders objected to His association with sinners, He said simply that He had come to call sinners to repentance. When they objected to His behavior on the Sabbath, He said He was Lord of the Sabbath. He had come to proclaim a new message and to establish a new order. Sinners must believe in Him to be forgiven and then they must follow Him.

1. Why did Jesus forgive the paralytic man’s sins?

2. Why did Jesus heal the paralytic man?

3. What did Levi do when Jesus said, “Follow Me”?

4. Why did Jesus eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?

5. Why was there a difference between the disciples of Jesus and John?

6. What did Jesus teach about new wine?

Luke 6:1-16
7. What did Jesus say when the Pharisees criticized the disciples’ behavior on the Sabbath?

8. What did Jesus do that made the Pharisees so angry with Him?

9. List the twelve apostles.
SUMMARY: Jesus taught that true blessing came to those whose hope was in Him more than in this present world. The true sons of the Highest would love even their enemies and do good to them. They would be merciful like their heavenly Father. They would be more sensitive to their own sins than those of their brother. They would display the fruits of a good heart. In short, they would hear and do the sayings of Jesus.

1. Why did the great multitude from Judaea, Jerusalem, Tyre and Sidon come to Jesus?

2. Who are blessed?

3. Who are warned?

4. What standard of behavior did Jesus give?

5. How are sinners different from sons of the Highest?

6. How are we to give?

7. What should you do when you see a problem in someone else?

8. What does fruit tell us about a tree?

9. How did Jesus illustrate the two different ways His sayings were received?
SUMMARY: The central question of the day was: “Who is Jesus?” The centurion saw His worthiness and authority. The people of Nain realized that God had visited them in “this great prophet.” John wondered, and Jesus answered by telling John to compare His works with the prophecies of Scripture. The Pharisees who rejected the counsel of God, were perplexed by Jesus, but not an unnamed sinful woman who loved Him, believed in Him, and was forgiven by Him.

Lesson 8: Who is This One?
Luke 7:1-50


HYMN: “One there is, above all others”

1. How did the elders of the Jews ask Jesus to help the centurion’s servant?

2. What led Jesus to say that the centurion had such great faith?

3. What happened when Jesus told the dead man in Nain to arise?

4. Why did John send his disciples to Jesus?

5. How did Jesus answer the disciples of John?

6. What did Jesus say about John after his disciples left?

7. Why did Jesus liken the men of that generation to children in the marketplace?

8. Why was Simon the Pharisee offended?

9. What did Jesus tell Simon about the woman at His feet?
SUMMARY: Jesus brought glad tidings of the Kingdom of God. By a parable, He taught His disciples the different ways in which this truth was received. He taught His disciples that it is God Who gives “ears to hear”. It is this ability to hear and do God’s Word that brings people into relationship with Jesus. He then revealed Himself to be the Son of God by His power over the forces of creation, demons, sickness, and finally death itself.

1. In the parable of the sower, what were the places that the seed fell?

2. What does this parable mean?

3. What warning does Jesus give about hearing?

4. What did Jesus do when His disciples came to him in the storm?

5. What was the condition of the man who met Jesus in Gadarenes?

6. What happened to the demons?

7. What happened as a result of this miracle?

8. What happened on the way to Jairus’ house?

9. What happened when Jesus came to Jairus’ house and found his daughter dead?
Lesson 10: Fitness for the Kingdom of God


HYMN: “One there is, above all others”

SUMMARY: Jesus sent His disciples out to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. He showed Himself to be the Christ of God by His great miracles and, to three of His disciples, by His transfiguration in glory. But He also surprised His disciples when He spoke of His own suffering, death and resurrection. If they were to be fit for the Kingdom of God, they must lose their own lives for Jesus’ sake. They must take up their cross daily and follow Jesus.

1. What instructions did Jesus give His disciples when He sent them out?

2. How was the great multitude fed?

3. What did Jesus say after Peter said He was “the Christ of God”?

4. What did Jesus tell His disciples about following Him and saving their lives?

5. What did the three disciples see and hear on the mountain with Jesus?

6. Why did the man bring his son to Jesus?

7. What did Jesus tell His disciples when they disputed about who would be the greatest?

8. How did Jesus answer His disciples’ request to call down fire on those who opposed Him?

9. What did Jesus teach about following Him?
Lesson 11: Good in the Father’s Sight  

**MEMORY:** Luke 24:46. Review.  
**HYMN:** “One there is, above all others”

| SUMMARY: Jesus sent out seventy disciples to labor in God’s harvest. They were to preach a message of peace or eternal rejection by God. They themselves must rejoice more in their own salvation than the success of their ministry. Jesus praised the Father Who sovereignly blessed men according to what seemed good in His sight. To a lawyer, He taught the necessity of love for God and neighbor. To Martha, He taught the need for devotion to Himself. |

1. Where did the Lord send the 70 disciples?

2. What were the 70 disciples supposed to do?

3. What did Jesus say about those who did not receive the disciples?

4. What did Jesus say when the disciples returned rejoicing that the demons were subject to them?

5. Why did Jesus praise the Father?

6. How did Jesus answer the lawyer’s question about eternal life?

7. What had happened to the man on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho by the time the Samaritan found him?

8. What did the Samaritan do?

9. What good part had Mary chosen?
Lesson 12: The Lamp on the Lampstand  
Luke 11:1-54

HYMN: “One there is, above all others”

SUMMARY: Jesus taught His disciples how to pray and encouraged them to be persistent and to expect their heavenly Father to hear and answer. He cast out demons to show the power and presence of God. When the people of that day rejected and opposed Him, He warned them of God’s judgment. They must not reject the light. When He warned the Pharisees and lawyers of hypocrisy and violent opposition to God, they became more hostile to Him.

1. What did Jesus teach His disciples to pray about?

2. Why did the midnight caller receive his request for help?

3. How did Jesus encourage us to make requests of our Heavenly Father?

4. How did Jesus answer the criticism that He was casting out demons by Beelzebub?

5. What happens when an unclean spirit goes out of a man and finds no rest?

6. Why will the queen of the South and the men of Nineveh condemn this generation?

7. What did Jesus say about light?

8. Why did Jesus condemn the Pharisees?

9. Why did Jesus condemn the lawyers?
Lesson 13: Seek the Kingdom of God


SUMMARY: Jesus taught His disciples to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees. A day was coming when all would be manifest before the Judge of the earth. Thus, they must fear God more than man. They must confess Jesus before men and honor the Holy Spirit. They must lay up treasure in heaven, not on earth. They must faithfully await the coming of the Son of Man. In short, they must set aside all earthly attractions and seek the Kingdom of God.

1. Why should men fear God more than any man?

2. What difference does it make what men say about the Son of the Holy Spirit?

3. How did Jesus answer the man who was concerned about getting his inheritance?

4. Why did Jesus tell his disciples not to worry?

5. What were the disciples to seek after?

6. What did Jesus teach about the coming of the Son of Man?

7. What is the difference between a faithful servant and an unworthy one?

8. Why did Jesus say He had come?

9. Why did Jesus say the multitude were hypocrites?
Lesson 14: Disciples of Jesus  

MEMORY: Review.  
HYMN: “One there is, above all others”

SUMMARY: Men must turn from their sins and be delivered from the power of Satan. They must strive to enter the Kingdom of God and that by a narrow gate. Jesus solemnly warned that some day they might find themselves excluded from the Kingdom, and then wept over their rebellion. He showed by parables that blessing comes to those who are poor and humble. Men must abandon all personal interest and follow after Christ.

1. What is the lesson of the deaths of the Galileans and the eighteen at the tower in Siloam?

2. How did Jesus answer the ruler of the synagogue’s objections to His healing on the Sabbath?

3. What is the Kingdom of God like?

4. What did Jesus say about those who do not enter at the narrow gate?

5. What did Jesus say about Jerusalem?

6. At the wedding feast, what did Jesus tell the guests?

7. What did Jesus tell the one who invited Him to the feast?

8. In the parable of the great supper, why did the master become angry and what did he do?

9. What is required to become a disciple of Jesus?
Lesson 15: Jesus Speaks in Parables

MEMORY: Review.

HYMN: “One there is, above all others”

SUMMARY: In response to a criticism by the Pharisees that Jesus received sinners, Jesus spoke a series of parables. By them, He showed the joy in heaven when a sinner repents. He taught His disciples to be faithful in temporal duties in anticipation of an everlasting stewardship. He warned the Pharisees to hear Moses and the prophets and not exchange temporal comfort for eternal judgment.

Luke 15:1-32
1. What is the meaning of the parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin?

2. What did the prodigal son do after he had wasted his inheritance?

3. How did the father receive his son?

4. Why was the older son angry and what did his father tell him?

Luke 16:1-31
5. How did the unjust steward show himself to be shrewd?

6. What did Jesus say about being a servant?

7. What did Jesus tell the Pharisees about the Law?

8. How did Abraham answer the rich man’s request to send Lazarus to cool his tongue with water?

9. How did Abraham answer the rich man’s request to send someone from the dead to warn his brothers?
Lesson 16: Will He Find Faith?

MEMORY: Review.

HYMN: “One there is, above all others”

SUMMARY: Jesus spoke of sin, repentance and forgiveness. He spoke of faith by which men served Him, a faith that seeks the glory of God more than temporal blessing. He warned men to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man Who will avenge His elect who wait for Him in faith. He encouraged men to come to Him in humility because salvation comes to those who forsake all and follow Him. He will be merciful to all who call upon Him in faith.

Luke 17:1-37
1. What did Jesus tell the disciples to do when a brother sinned against them?

2. How did Jesus answer the apostles’ request to increase their faith?

3. What did the 10 lepers do when they saw that they were healed?

4. What will it be like in the day when the Son of Man is revealed?

Luke 18:1-43
5. What is the lesson in the parable of the unjust judge?

6. What is the lesson in the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector?

7. How did Jesus answer the ruler who asked about inheriting eternal life?

8. Why did the people wonder who could be saved and how did Jesus answer them?

9. How did Jesus answer the blind man’s request to receive his sight?
Lesson 17: The King Comes to Jerusalem  

MEMORY: Review. 

HYMN: “One there is, above all others”

SUMMARY: On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus went to Zacchaeus’ house to show that He came to seek and save the lost. He taught the delay in the coming of the Kingdom by the parable of the pounds (minas). On arrival in Jerusalem, He accepted the praise of the multitude as the long awaited King. Once in Jerusalem, He wept over its coming judgment. After He cleansed the temple, He exposed the opposition of the leaders to Himself which would result in their destruction.

1. Why did Jesus go to Zacchaeus’ house?

2. What did Jesus say about the nobleman in the parable of the ten pounds (minas)?

3. What does this parable teach about the Master?

4. How was Jesus received when He rode into Jerusalem?

5. Why did Jesus weep over Jerusalem?

6. What did Jesus do in the Temple?

7. Why did the chief priests, scribes and elders refuse to answer Jesus’ question about the authority of John?

8. Why did the owner of the vineyard send his beloved son and how was he received?

9. Why did the chief priests and scribes seek to “lay hands” on Jesus?
Lesson 18: Watch and Pray

MEMORY: Review.

HYMN: “One there is, above all others”

SUMMARY: When Jesus’ enemies tried to trip Him up with their questions, He revealed His Own wisdom in contrast with their ignorance. The selfish pride of the scribes stands in sharp contrast to the widow’s selfless service to God. Jesus spoke to His disciples about the signs of His coming. He exhorted them to watch and pray that they might be counted worthy to escape wrath and stand before the Son of Man.

Luke 20:20-47
1. How did Jesus answer the question about paying taxes?

2. How did Jesus answer the question about the resurrection?

3. What did Jesus teach about the relationship between Christ and David?

4. Why did Jesus commend the poor widow more than the rich?

5. What must happen on earth before the end comes?

6. How will the disciples of Jesus be treated?

7. What will happen just before the coming of the Son of Man?

8. What was the lesson from the fig tree?

9. What did Jesus tell His disciples to do in anticipation of the coming of the Son of Man?
Lesson 19: The Last Passover  

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1. How did the chief priests and scribes get their opportunity to capture Jesus?

2. How were the disciples to get a room for the Passover?

3. What did Jesus tell His disciples about His body and blood?

4. What did Jesus say when His disciples argued about who would be the greatest?

5. What did Jesus tell Peter?

6. What did Jesus tell His disciples before they went out?

7. What happened when Jesus prayed?

8. What happened when Judas came with the chief priests, temple captains and elders?

9. What happened after Peter denied the Lord three times?
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**SUMMARY:** Jesus was taken before the council of chief priests and scribes where He acknowledged that He is the Son of God. They then sent Him to Pilate where they falsely accused Him of treason. Pilate found no fault in Him and sent Him to Herod. Jesus did not speak to him. Herod sent Him back to Pilate. When the crowd loudly demanded His death, Pilate delivered Jesus to be killed. They killed Him by crucifixion.

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**Lesson 20: The Death of the King**  

1. What did Jesus tell the council of chief priests and scribes?

2. Of what did the multitude accuse Jesus before Pilate?

3. What happened when Jesus was sent to Herod?

4. What verdict did Pilate make about Jesus?

5. Who was Barabbas and why was he released?

6. Where did they take Jesus and what did they do to Him?

7. How did the crowd react to the crucifixion of Jesus?

8. What are we told about the two thieves who died with Jesus?

9. What happened when Jesus died?
Lesson 21: The Lord is Risen Indeed  

MEMORY: Review.  

HYMN: “One there is, above all others”

SUMMARY: Joseph begged the body of Jesus which he buried in a new tomb. On the first day of the week, angels announced to women at the tomb that Jesus was risen from the dead. The disciples did not believe the report of the women. Their unbelief was replaced with joy when Jesus appeared to two of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, and then met and ate with them all. After He commissioned them to bear witness to Him, He ascended into heaven.

Luke 23:50-56
1. What happened to the body of Jesus?

2. What did the women discover when they came to the tomb on Sunday morning?

3. What happened when the women brought their joyful news to the disciples?

4. Why were the two disciples on the road to Emmaus so sad?

5. What did Jesus tell these sad disciples?

6. What happened when Jesus broke bread with the two disciples?

7. How did Jesus show the disciples that He was raised from the dead?

8. What did Jesus tell His disciples would happen next?

9. What happened when Jesus led them out to Bethany?
I. THE PROLOGUE (1:1-4)

II. THE PREPARATION FOR JESUS’ MINISTRY (1:5-4:13)
   A. The events leading up to Jesus’ birth (1:5-80).
      1. Zacharias and the angel of the Lord – the announcement of the birth of John the Baptist (1:5-25).
      2. The virgin Mary and the angel of the Lord – the announcement of the birth of Jesus (1:26-38).
      3. Mary’s visit with Elisabeth (1:39-56).
      4. The birth of John the Baptist (1:57-80)
   B. Jesus’ birth (2:1-20).
   C. Jesus’ infancy and childhood (2:21-52).
   D. The ministry of John the Baptist (3:1-20).
   E. The final preparations for Jesus’ ministry (3:21-4:13).

III. THE FIRST PERIOD OF JESUS’ MINISTRY – IN GALILEE AND ITS VICINITY (4:14-9:50)

   Of the 20 miracles which Luke recorded, 14 were performed during this period in our Lord’s ministry. Thus, Luke placed a special emphasis upon the works of our Lord during this time.

   A. Jesus at Nazareth (4:14-30).
   B. Jesus at Capernaum (4:31-44).
   C. From the calling of the first disciples to the appointment of the twelve apostles (5:1-6:11).
   D. From the appointment of the twelve apostles to the mission of the twelve apostles (6:12-8:56).
   E. The mission of the twelve apostles and the final days of the ministry in Galilee (9:1-50).

IV. JESUS’ MINISTRY TOWARD JERUSALEM (9:51-19:27)

   A. The first period (9:51-13:21).
   B. The second period (13:22-17:10).
   C. The third period (17:11-19:27).

V. JESUS’ MINISTRY IN JERUSALEM AND ITS VICINITY (19:28-21:38)

   A. Jesus’ entry into the city and the Temple (19:28-48).


   A. His last hours with His disciples before His death (22:1-46).
   B. His arrest (22:47-53).
   C. His trials (22:54-23:25).
   D. His crucifixion (23:26-49).
   E. His burial (23:50-56).
   F. His resurrection (24:1-12).
   H. His ascension (24:50-53).