

Good Tidings of Great Joy
Studies in the Gospel of Luke

Glad Tidings of the Kingdom of God
Luke 8
Lesson 9

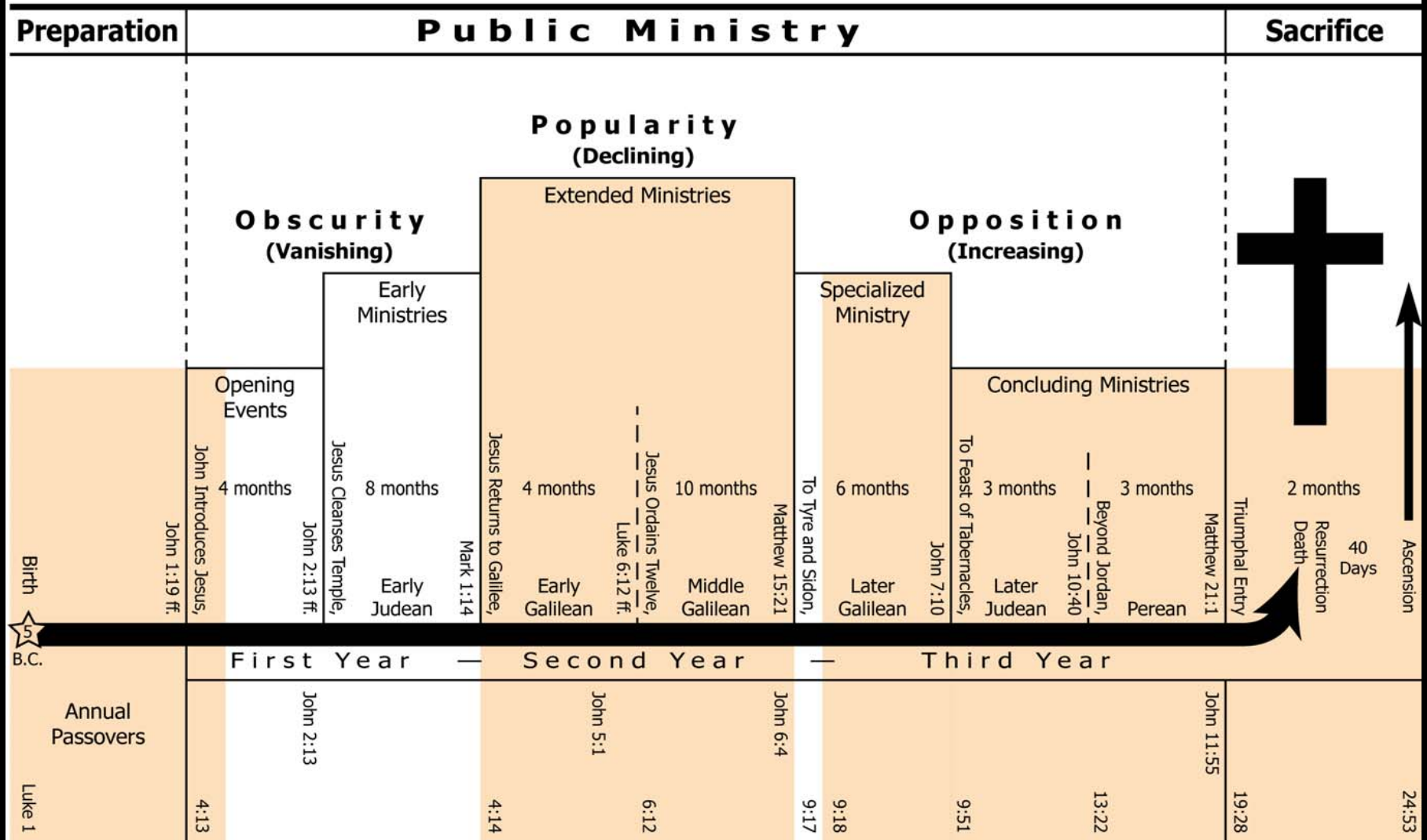
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Gospel of Luke – Outline

1. Prologue (1:1-4)
2. The Preparation for Jesus' Work (1:5-4:13)
3. The Ministry in Galilee (4:14-9:50)
4. The Ministry in Judea and Perea (9:51-19:27)
5. The Ministry in Jerusalem (19:28-21:38)
6. The Consummation of Jesus' Work (22:1-24:53)

The Life of Christ

Showing coverage by Luke (shaded)



Luke's Purpose

- ▶ Write an account of things believed among us
- ▶ To know the truth of things you have been taught

The Birth of Jesus

- ▶ It is a work of God (1:19)
- ▶ Jesus is the Son of God and King on throne of David(1:32)
- ▶ His birth is a miraculous act of the Holy Spirit in Mary (1:35)
- ▶ Jesus is the fulfillment of the Promise to Abraham (1:55)
- ▶ Jesus came to bring salvation/redemption (1:68-75)
- ▶ He is the Savior, Christ the Lord (2:11, 31-32, 38)
- ▶ He came to do the Father's business (2:49)
- ▶ He came to baptize with fire and the Holy Spirit (3:16)
- ▶ He came to judge the wicked (3:17)
- ▶ He is the beloved Son of God, with the Holy Spirit (3:22)
- ▶ He came to defeat Satan (4:1-13)

Galilean Ministry (4:14-9:50)

▶ Who is this One?

- Nazareth: 4:22
- Pharisees: 5:21
- John: 7:19 - Are You the Expected One, or do we look for another?
- Simon: 7:39
- Simon's guests: 7:49
- Disciples: 8:25
- Herod: 9:7-9

▶ Who is this One?

- Disciples: 9:20 – the Christ of God
- Father: 9:35 – “My Son, My Chosen One” – at the Transfiguration

Galilean Ministry (4:14-9:50)

► His authority:

- Teaching (4:32) – “amazed at His teaching, for His message was with authority”
- Demons (4:35-36) – “with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits”
- Forgive sin (5:24) – “Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”
- Sabbath (6:5) – He is Lord of the Sabbath
- Immaterial world (7:8-9) – “a man under authority” – able to command the unseen

Galilean Ministry (4:14-9:50)

► The importance of faith

- Luke writing an account of “things believed” (KJV 1:1)
- Zacharias did not believe . . . silent (1:20)
- Elizabeth: “Blessed is she who believed” (1:45)
- Seeing their faith (5:20) – healed the paralytic
- Great faith (7:9) - centurion’s faith
- Faith saved you (7:50) - sinful woman at Simon’s dinner
- Parable of sower: not believe (8:12); believe for awhile (8:13)
- Where is your faith? (8:25) – stilling the storm
- Faith made you well (8:48) – healing the woman sick for 12 years
- Only believe (8:50) – raising Jairus’ 12 year old daughter

Galilean Ministry (4:14-9:50)

- ▶ The cross appears late in the Galilean Ministry
 - After Peter's confession (9:22)
 - After the Transfiguration (9:44)

Glad Tidings of the Kingdom of God

Luke 8

- ▶ Jesus' ministry (8:1-3)
- ▶ An explanation of His ministry (8:4-21) – a parable
- ▶ A demonstration of His ministry (8:22-56) – 4 miracles

Jesus' Ministry (8:1-3)

- ▶ Proclaiming and preaching the Kingdom
 - Glad Tidings of the Kingdom of God
 - The twelve were with Him – discipling
 - Women and “many others” supporting

The Parable of the Sower (8:4-15)

- ▶ The need for this parable
- ▶ Parable – earthly story with heavenly meaning
 - 45 parables
 - 34 found in only one Gospel
 - Luke has the most parables (19 of 28 unique)
 - 5 found in all 3 Synoptic Gospels

Four Soils

- ▶ Beside the road – trampled or eaten by birds
- ▶ Rocky soil – initial growth but withered rapidly
- ▶ Thorny soil – choked out by thorns
- ▶ Good soil – great productivity
- ▶ He who has ears to hear, let him hear
 - Parable intended to conceal and reveal
 - Mystery: truth that would remain unknown unless revealed by God
 - Wisdom (1 Cor 2:7 – 2:1-10) – spiritual truth

The Mystery Revealed

- ▶ Seed is the Word of God
- ▶ Soil is the heart (v. 12, 15)
 - Romans 10:9-10 – “with the heart a person believes”
- ▶ Beside the road – Satan prevents faith and salvation
- ▶ Rocky soil – hear and rejoice but fall in time of testing
- ▶ Thorny soil – cares, riches, pleasures prevent fruit
- ▶ Good soil – an honest and good heart – hold fast; bear fruit; persevere
- ▶ Fundamental need: a good heart (Deuteronomy 6:29)
 - Matthew 15:8 – a heart “far from me”

The Fruit of Good Soil (8:16-21)

- ▶ A new image: A lamp is lit
 - Lamp exposes the heart
 - Problem is not the seed, or the light (John 1:4-5)
 - Warning: Take care how you listen
- ▶ Jesus' mother and brothers seek to see Him (19-21)
 - A third image – the family of God is not biologic, but spiritual
- ▶ The Word: trust in Jesus Christ and obey Him

A Demonstration of His Work (8:22-56)

▶ Jesus stills the storm (8:22-25)

- Jesus led them into the boat to cross the lake
- The storm “descended on the lake” as if unexpected by Jesus
- Jesus slept – entrusting Himself to the Father (1 Peter 2:23)
- A test of rocky soil – “will they believe for awhile?” (8:13)
- They called upon Jesus
- He directed them to the core issue: Where is their faith?
- He is the Commander of the winds and water and they obey

A Demonstration of His Work (8:22-56)

- ▶ A legion of demons is cast out (8:26-39)
 - Demon possessed; controlled by Satan
 - Demons under dominion of Christ (8:28)
 - Demons did not want to enter the Abyss
 - Abyss is “prison” for demons
 - Rev. 9:1-11 – release of demons from the abyss
 - Rev. 20:1-3, 7 - Satan’s prison for 1000 years
 - Demons sent into the pigs and into the lake
 - Citizens wanted Jesus to leave
 - Healed man wanted to go, but Jesus made him stay to preach

A Demonstration of His Work (8:22-56)

- ▶ Jairus' request for his sick daughter
- ▶ An interruption – a woman beyond healing
- ▶ The woman is healed immediately
- ▶ Jesus detected her touch and the healing
- ▶ “Your faith has made you well; go in peace.”
- ▶ A sad message from Jairus' home
- ▶ Jesus called on Jairus to believe.
- ▶ Jesus was mocked – an obstacle to Jairus
- ▶ His daughter was raised from the dead
- ▶ Jesus told them not to speak of this

Glad Tidings of the Kingdom

- ▶ Jesus Christ is the Son of God, Savior and King
- ▶ An obstacle – the heart of man
 - Obstructed by the devil
 - Turned aside by testing/temptation
 - Choked out by cares, riches and pleasures
- ▶ Good news
 - The Sower prepares the soil!
 - Demons cast out
 - Testing lifted before faith fails
 - Cares of this world can be removed
 - Faith need not be huge – hidden in a crowd; mocked by friends and family
- ▶ Good news – we are partakers of the Divine nature (2 Peter 1:3-4)
- ▶ “Take care how you listen” (8:18)