

The Unique Features of the Gospel of Luke

St. John of Rochester Parish

Mondays: October 18 and 25, November 1 and 8, 2021

7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

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Beginning on the First Sunday of Advent 2021, we once more turn to the Gospel of Luke. As we listen to these readings, we often hear much that is familiar to us. But in fact, there is a **great deal of Gospel material (about 40%) that is found only in the Gospel of Luke.** This 4-week series will explore some of the wonderfully unique stories and themes that add so much to our understanding of the ministry of Jesus. Come and be surprised and inspired by this amazing Gospel.

October 18th

The Infancy Narrative and Preparation for Ministry

Luke 1:1 - 4:13

The Prologue and the

Notion of History in the Ancient World (1:1-4)

The Importance of Temple in Jerusalem

The Place of the Holy Spirit

The Place of Mary and her Role

The Three Canticles and their message

The Visitors to the Crib

The Journey Motif

The Message of John the Baptist and his Arrest

(The end of the Period of Israel)

The **Unique Features of Jesus' Baptism**

and Luke's Genealogy from Adam

The Temptations - **unique order and Devil's departure**

**October 25th The Ministry in Galilee (Luke 4:14 - 6:19 and 8:4 - 9:50)
with the The Small Interpolation: (6:20 - 8:3)**

The Rejection at Nazareth - Key to the Lucan Gospel

Jesus at Capernaum - 3 healings

Jesus calls the Fishermen - see John 21:1-11

4 Conflict Stories from the Triple Tradition

The Small Interpolation (Luke uses only Q)

The Sermon on the Plain - **Lucan differences**

Love of Enemies - "Be merciful..." - Key Passage

The Two Foundations - **different settings**

The Centurion's Slave - **interesting addition**

The Raising of the Widow of Naim's Son

Messengers from John - **Key Lucan ideas**

The Pardon of the Sinful Woman- very different here

Woman Companions - typical of Luke

Listening to God's Word - Parables

Stories from the Triple Tradition

Calming of the Storm

Healing of Gerasene Demoniac

Jairus' Daughter and the Woman with a Hemorrhage

Stories from Mark

Mission of the Twelve

Herod's Opinion of Jesus

More Stories from the Triple Tradition

Feeding of the 5000

Peter's Confession

First Prediction of the Passion

Conditions of Discipleship

The Transfiguration - **key Lucan passages**

Jesus returns from the mountain

November 1st **The Journey to Jerusalem: The Large Interpolation 9:51 - 18:14 (where Luke uses only Q) and 18:15 - 19:44**

The Journey Begins - **Luke** and Q

The Mission of the Seventy-two - Q and **Luke**

Praise of the Father - mostly Q

Parable of the Good Samaritan - unique to Luke

Martha and Mary - unique to Luke

Teaching on Prayer - **Luke** and Q

Stories from Q

 Jesus and Beelzebul

 The Sign of Jonah

 Words to the Pharisees

Parable of the Rich Fool - unique to Luke

Dependency on God - Q

Three Sayings on the Parousia - **2 unique to Luke**

The Urgency of the Kingdom - Q

Stories Unique to Luke

A Call to Repentance

Parable of the Barren Fig Tree

Cure of the Crippled Woman

Two Parables on the Reign of God + Narrow Door - Q

The Way of the Prophet - **Luke** and Q

Discussion at Table - a Kind of Symposium - **2 unique to Luke**

Healing of the Man with Dropsy

Conduct of Invited Guests

The Great Banquet - Q

Building a Tower - unique to Luke

Three Parables on Loss and Joy - **2 unique to Luke**

The Lost Coin

The Prodigal Son

Parable of the Dishonest Steward - unique to Luke

Three Sayings - **Luke**, Q and (unusual) Triple Tradition -

The Rich Man and Lazarus - unique to Luke

Four Sayings on Discipleship - **4th unique to Luke**

Attitude of a Servant

Cleansing of the Lepers - unique to Luke -

The Coming of the Reign of God - **Luke** and Q

The Parable of the Persistent Widow - unique to Luke

The Parable of Pharisee and Tax Collector - unique to Luke

Four Stories from the Triple Tradition

Sayings on Children and the Kingdom

The Rich Official

On Riches

Healing of the Blind Beggar (Jericho)

Zacchaeus the Tax Collector (Jericho) - unique to Luke

The Parable of the 10 Gold Coins - Q and **Luke**

Arriving near Jerusalem - Triple Tradition and **Luke**

The Lament over Jerusalem

**November 8th The Temple Teaching (19:45 - 21:38 and the Passion
and Resurrection Narrative (22:1- 24:53)**

Jesus in the Temple - Triple Tradition

The Cleansing of the Temple -

Six stories regarding the Authority of Jesus

Jesus' Authority Questioned

Parable of the Tenant Farmers

Caesar's Taxes

Question about the Resurrection

Question about David's Son

The Widow's Mite (taken from Mark)

The Eschatology Discourse (21:5-36)

Substantial Lucan Changes

The Passion and Resurrection Narrative - Triple Tradition

The Conspiracy against Jesus

Preparations for the Passover

The Last Supper - **significant changes (Pauline)**

Difficult conversation at Table - mostly Lucan -

The Agony in the Garden and Jesus Arrested

Peter's denial - **Lucan differences**

Jesus Before the Sanhedrin - **Lucan differences**

Jesus Before Pilate (Mark)

Jesus Before Herod

Jesus is Sentenced to Death - **Pilate finds Jesus innocent**

The Way of the Cross

The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus

The Good Thief - unique to Luke

The Burial of Jesus

The Resurrection Story

Appearance On Road to Emmaus - unique to Luke

Appearance to the Disciples - unique to Luke

Jesus' Words to the Community - unique to Luke

The Ascension - unique to Luke

In Summary: The Unique Features of Jesus in Luke's Gospel

Jesus is the Savior of All People

Jesus is the Friend of the Marginalized

Jesus is our Companion on the Journey

Jesus is our Host and Teacher at the Table