

Study Series: Luke

Questions about Luke 1.1—4.13

1. What message did the angel Gabriel bring to Zechariah? to Mary? (1.5-38) How did each of them respond to the angel's message?
2. Why did Mary visit Elizabeth? (1.39-45) Mary sings about the promise God has made (1.46-55). What is the promise? Where do you see signs of this promise in the world today? What are some of these signs?
3. Describe how each of the following people reacted to the birth of Jesus: (a) the shepherds, (b) Simeon, (c) Anna (2.1-38). What is the promise that Simeon sings about? What would you say is special about Jesus' birth?
4. What was the main message of John the Baptist? (3.1-20) How does John's message speak to people today? John was later killed for speaking the truth about God and how God wants people to live. What situations can you think of in the world today that might parallel John's experience?
5. In what ways does the devil test Jesus? (4.1-13) How does Jesus challenge this testing? Has anyone ever tried to persuade you to do something that you knew was wrong? How did you handle it? Where do you turn for help in facing temptations or times of testing?

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Questions about Luke 4.14—9.50

1. What did Jesus mean when he said, “This is the year the Lord has chosen”? (4.19) What did Jesus announce? How did the people of his hometown of Nazareth react to his announcement? Why? What is your reaction to Jesus’ announcement?
2. In this section, Luke gives two accounts of Jesus choosing his disciples (5.1-11 and 5.27-32). How are these two stories different? How are they similar? What do they show about the kind of teacher Jesus was? Also in this section, Luke gives the names of the disciples Jesus called to be apostles (6.12-16). What were their names? What did Jesus do before choosing them?
3. What can we learn from Jesus’ teachings about loving our enemies and about judging others? (6.27-36; 6.37-42) When are these teachings hard to follow? Explain.
4. These chapters contain a number of stories about people Jesus healed (4.31-41; 5.12-26; 6.6-11; 7.1-17; 8.26-56; 9.37-43). Who are some of these people? Which story moved you the most? Why? What took place after each healing is described?

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Questions about Luke 9.51—19.27

1. How is love expressed in the story about the Good Samaritan? (10.25-37) How do you respond to Jesus' question, "Who is my neighbor?"
2. Describe what Jesus says about being his disciple. (14.25-33) What do you think this means for the way you live your life?
3. What do you see as the main point in Jesus' stories about the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son? (15.1-32)
4. Jesus healed ten men with leprosy (17.11-19). What are your thoughts about the nine who did not return to thank Jesus? Why is it important to thank people who help us? What people in society today might be considered "lepers" or outcasts? What is your attitude toward such persons? Why?
5. Compare the story of the rich and important man (18.18-30) with the story of the tax collector Zacchaeus (19.1-10). What strikes you about each man and his meeting with Jesus?

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Questions about Luke 19.28—23.56

1. Why did Jesus cry when he approached Jerusalem? (19.41-44) Compare this passage with 21.5,6,20-24. What does Jesus say is going to happen?
2. Jesus tells about things that will happen when he comes again (21.25-38). What warning does he give? How does this warning affect the way you live your life?
3. How did Jesus settle the argument among the disciples who were discussing which one of them was the greatest? (22.24-30) Think of situations today where people want to be "Number One." What can be learned from Jesus' teachings about power and service? (See also 9.46-48.)
4. Jesus asked God to forgive his enemies while he was on the cross. (23.34,35) Why is it difficult to forgive those who hurt or make fun of us? Complete this sentence: "Someone I need to forgive or to ask for forgiveness is...."

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Questions about Luke 24.1-53

1. How did the disciples react to what they were told by the women who had gone to the tomb? (24.1-12)
Why do you think they acted that way? Do you find the women's story hard to believe? Why or not?
2. Why didn't the two disciples who met Jesus on the road to Emmaus recognize him right away?
At what point do they recognize him? Why? (24.13-35) How does one recognize Jesus today? Explain.
3. What does Jesus tell his followers to do after he is raised from death? What does he promise will happen? (24.45-49)
The book of **Acts** tells what happens next. Complete this sentence: "I think being a follower of Jesus means...."