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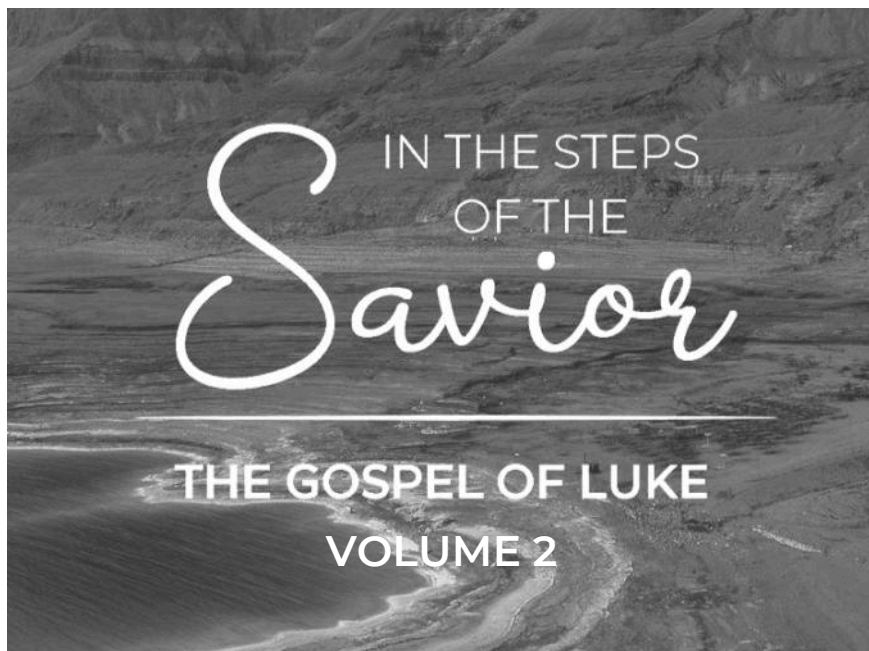
Savior

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE
VOLUME 2

Wade Allen

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Luke 3:1—5:26

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Introduction

**“Open my eyes [to spiritual truth]
so that I may behold Wonderful
things from Your law.”**

Psalm 119:18 (AMP)

We are so excited that you have chosen to invest in your spiritual development! God wants you to increase in your knowledge of Him. This booklet will help you to know more about Him—and hopefully know Him better as well!

NEW SERMON SERIES

Our new sermon series—“LUKE: In the Steps of the Savior”—will systematically walk through Luke’s gospel account. With over nineteen thousand words, the Gospel of Luke is the longest book in the New Testament. I mention this because it is going to take us a long time to work our way through this study.

As we did before when studying the book of Acts, we will divide this study into manageable sections and focus a few months on a section each year for the next five years. Our goal for 2022 is to study through the end of Luke 6.

INTRODUCTION TO THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

“Luke is the first of a two-part work. In this work, the history of the Gospel is traced from its beginnings in the life of Jesus (the Gospel of Luke) to the founding of the early church (the Acts of the Apostles).

“The author of the Gospel of Luke is more interested in persons, especially those in trouble, than in ideas. He also is a skilled writer, and the literary quality of the Gospel of Luke is the highest of all four Gospels. Luke often is the most interesting Gospel to read. But he is also a serious historian who places Jesus within the context of world history. He presents Jesus and the church as the fulfillment of the history of salvation.

“Luke has the most universal outlook of all the Gospels: he portrays Jesus as a man with compassion for all peoples. Whereas Matthew traces Jesus’ genealogy back to Abraham, the father of the Hebrew people (1:2), Luke traces it back to Adam, the father of the human race (3:38). In Matthew Jesus sends His disciples ‘to the lost sheep of the house of Israel’ (10:6) only, but Luke omits this limitation.”

(Excerpt from *Nelson’s Student Bible Dictionary*)

WINTER 2022 RECHARGE STUDIES

You may or may not have noticed, but this issue of *Recharge* is labeled as “Volume 2” of the study through the Gospel of Luke. The third volume will be distributed in March. We will publish Volume 1 later this year—in November or December. As you know, we did not have a *Recharge* book as we covered Luke 1-2 for the past few months. My goal in going back to this is to provide you with a study of the events surrounding the birth of Jesus during the next holiday season.

The book you hold in your hand has been designed to be your companion throughout this study in Luke. Each week contains:

- A page to take notes from each Sunday’s sermons,
- A page for notes/prayer needs from your Community Group,
- A Bible reading plan to read through all four gospels.
- And follow-up studies for three days each week.

The Bible reading plan is a new addition to our *Recharge* books. This plan is based off a design created by Life Church in Oklahoma City. It is what we call a “harmony of the gospels.” The idea behind it is to read all of the accounts of the life of Jesus in the order in which they occurred, because not all of the gospels were written in chronological order. Reading them this way will give you a different perspective of the goal and purpose of each gospel writer.



Read this plan on the YouVersion Bible App

SOAP JOURNALING

Another change you will also notice is that, for the study through the Gospel of Luke, we have removed the SOAP journaling pages from the *Recharge*. We’ve done this for a few reasons. First, for the past several weeks I have been encouraging you to develop a personalized plan for your spiritual growth. I do not want the *Recharge* books to be the sum total of your daily disciplines—just an addition to connect you to the sermon content and community group studies each week.

Secondly, we have a unique opportunity to read through a harmony of the gospels between now and Easter. If you stay on track, you will be reading through the events of the Passion Week right about the time that we’re celebrating Palm Sunday and Easter. This Bible reading plan is easily accomplished with some discipline, but if you’re looking for a big challenge, you might consider SOAP journaling through each passage as you read it! Let me know if you take on that challenge!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or one of our pastors. Our prayer is that these studies will provide you with a daily *Recharge* for your life!

Pastor Wade Allen

Week 1

January 9, 2022

Sermon Title:

Sermon Text: Luke 3:1-20

Speaker:

Sermon Notes:

Community Group:

Location:

Date:

BIBLE READING PLAN

Week 1

- John 1:1-14
- Luke 1
- Luke 2:1-38
- Matthew 1
- Luke 2:39-52
- Matthew 2
- Matthew 3

Week 1 Day 1

Bible Reading: Luke 3:1-9

Questions for Reflection:

Why is it significant that "the word of God came to John"? How long had it been since the Lord spoke to and through a prophet?

What was the content and theme of John's message? How would you characterize John's message to the crowd?

John was calling people to repentance. Why would he say what he said in verse 7?

Week 1 Day 2

Bible Reading: Luke 3:7-14

Questions for Reflection:

What does it mean "to bear fruit in keeping with repentance"?

What is John's warning to them about counterfeit repentance?

In verses 12-14, John contextualizes this same message to two other groups of people. What two groups of people?

What is John trying to teach about the by-product or result of true repentance?

Week 1 Day 3

Bible Reading: Luke 3:15-22

Questions for Reflection:

What were all the people wondering about John?

What did John say to clarify his role in relationship to the Messiah?

What is meant when he said the Messiah would baptize "with the Holy Spirit and fire"? (c. f. Acts 2:13)

Baptism is an outward sign of repentance. How is baptism of the Holy Spirit also a sign?

Week 2

January 16, 2022

Sermon Title:

Sermon Text: **Luke 3:21-38**

Speaker:

Sermon Notes:

Community Group:

Location:

Date:

BIBLE READING PLAN

Week 2

- Mark 1
- Luke 3
- Matthew 4
- Luke 4
- Luke 5
- John 1:15-21

Week 2 Day 1

Bible Reading: Luke 3:21-22

Questions for Reflection:

What happened when Jesus came to John to be baptized?

More detail of this event is found in Matthew 3:13-17. What additional information do you learn from Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism?

How is each member of the trinity represented at the baptism of Jesus?

Week 2 Day 2

Bible Reading: Luke 3:23-38

Questions for Reflection:

Compare and contrast this genealogy to the one found in Matthew 1. What are some of the similarities and differences?

About how old was Jesus when He started His ministry?

Why does verse 23 include this phrase: "being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph"?

In Luke 3:38, we learn that Jesus descended from the line of Seth. Why is He not a descendant of Cain or Abel?

Week 2 Day 3

Bible Reading: Luke 3:23-38 again.

Questions for Reflection:

Who was David? Why was it important that Jesus was a descendant of David? (c.f. 2 Samuel 7:8-16)

Who was Boaz? What kind of man was he? (c. f. Ruth 2:1, 8-19)

What did Jesus' ancestor, Abraham, do that mirrored His own relationship with God the Father? (c. f. Genesis 22)

What was said about Noah that could not be said about anyone else in the world? (c. f. Genesis 6:5-8)

Sermon Title:

Sermon Text: **Luke 4:1-13**

Speaker:

Sermon Notes:

Community Group:

Location:

Date:

BIBLE READING PLAN

Week 3

- John 2
- John 3
- John 4
- John 5
- Matthew 12:1-21
- Mark 2
- Mark 3

Week 3 Day 1

Bible Reading: Luke 4:1-2

Questions for Reflection:

Where did Jesus go and who was leading Him there? What was the purpose or reason for going to this place?

What happened while Jesus was in the wilderness?

What is the significance of the fact that the Spirit of God led Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted? Was it God's will for Jesus to go through this season of temptation?

The Bible tells us that Jesus did not eat anything for forty days. Voluntarily reducing or eliminating your intake of food for a specified amount of time is called fasting. Why had Jesus not eaten during this time? What is the purpose of fasting?

Why do you think Jesus began His public ministry with a forty-day fast in isolation?

Week 3 Day 2

Bible Reading: Matthew 6:1-18

Questions for Reflection:

In verse 1, Jesus warns us to beware of both our manner and motivation for practicing righteousness. What are the three activities He addresses in this chapter that should be a matter of the heart between God and an individual?

What is the overriding point of Jesus' teaching on fasting, prayer and generosity in this passage?

Notice in verses 2, 5, 7, 16 and 17 that Jesus uses the phrase: "when you give/pray/fast." Are these righteous practices commanded of us, or are they expected of us? Explain the difference between an expectation and a commandment.

How often do you include fasting—for spiritual purposes not just physical purposes—in the arsenal of tools you use for spiritual growth?

How often do you think you should include fasting as one of your spiritual disciplines?

Bible Reading: Luke 4:1-13

Questions for Reflection:

When Satan tempted Jesus with bread, did His forty-day fast—and the hunger that went with it—make it easier or more difficult to resist? Explain.

We know the specifics of what Jesus was tempted with from these verses, but what was the nature of each of these temptations? What was the underlying motivation of the heart that was addressed?

In the last temptation (verses 9- 11), what new tactic did the devil employ? Why is this new scheme so dangerous to us?

Verse 13 tells us that the devil departed from Jesus. Was this the last time that Jesus dealt with temptation from the devil?

If the devil tempts us at "opportune times," what should we be doing to guard against falling into sin?

Week 4

January 30, 2022

Sermon Title:

Sermon Text: **Luke 4:14-30**

Speaker:

Sermon Notes:

Community Group:

Location:

Date:

BIBLE READING PLAN

Week 4

- Luke 6
- Matthew 5
- Matthew 6
- Matthew 7
- Matthew 8:1-13
- Luke 7

Week 4 Day 1

Bible Reading: Luke 4:14-15

Questions for Reflection:

What is the significance of being "in the power of the Spirit" when Jesus starts His ministry?

What should we learn from this? How are we able to experience this in our lives?

Read Galatians 5:16-26. What are some practical instructions from this passage about what we should do to live in the power of the Spirit?

What is the evidence in a person's life if they are walking in the Spirit?

How can you tell if a person is not walking in the Spirit?

Week 4 Day 2

Bible Reading: Luke 4:16-21

Questions for Reflection:

When Jesus stood up to read in the synagogue on the Sabbath day, He was given the scroll of Isaiah. How was Jesus able to find this particular passage?

Do you know God's Word well enough to be able to find a particular teaching or truth without having internet sources or other books to tell you where to find it? What can you do to increase your knowledge of God's Word?

Read Luke 4:18 again. How does this prophecy from Isaiah encapsulate Jesus' ministry? Upon whom would Jesus focus His ministry efforts?

Read Luke 4:21 again. By making this proclamation, what was Jesus saying? Who was He claiming to be?

Week 4 Day 3

Bible Reading: Luke 4:22-30

Questions for Reflection:

How did the people of Nazareth initially respond to Jesus' teaching?

Why were they "filled with wrath" by verse 28? What caused this change of heart?

What had Jesus done in Capernaum that they wanted Him to do also in Nazareth? Why would He not do it? (Consider also Matthew 13:58)

Why is a prophet not accepted in his hometown? How might this affect your ability to be a witness for God where you live?

Sermon Title:

Sermon Text: **Luke 4:31-44**

Speaker:

Sermon Notes:

Community Group:

Location:

Date:

BIBLE READING PLAN

Week 5

- Matthew 11
- Matthew 12:22-50
- Matthew 13:1-58
- Luke 11
- Luke 8
- Matthew 8:14-34

Week 5 Day 1

Bible Reading: Luke 4:31-37

Questions for Reflection:

After leaving Nazareth, where did Jesus go? What did the people in that area think of Jesus' teaching? Why?

Who did Jesus encounter in the synagogue? What was this man's spiritual condition?

Look again at what this man said: "What have you to do with us..." Why would this man use a plural pronoun to refer to himself?

In verse 34, how did the demon-possessed man refer to Jesus? How did this man know who Jesus truly is?

Week 5 Day 2

Bible Reading: Luke 4:38-41

Questions for Reflection:

Who is this Simon that is referred to here?

How would you have felt watching your Master heal others knowing that your mother-in-law was sick?

How did Simon's mother-in-law respond to being healed by Jesus?

How many were healed of their diseases that day?

What happened when Jesus cast out demons from possessed people?
Why did Jesus respond the way that He did?

Week 5 Day 3

Bible Reading: Luke 4:42-44

Questions for Reflection:

In verse 42, Jesus left to go to a "desolate place." What did He usually do when He went to desolate places?

Was He able to do this on this particular day?

Why did Jesus try to get away on a regular basis?

- Mark 6:30-32

- Matthew 14:10-13

- Luke 5: 16

- Luke 6:12-16

- Luke 22:39-42

In what ways do you withdraw from the demands of life to spend time with God? Is that sufficient?

Week 6

February 13, 2022

Sermon Title:

Sermon Text: **Luke 5:1-11**

Speaker:

Sermon Notes:

Community Group:

Location:

Date:

BIBLE READING PLAN

Week 6

- Mark 4
- Mark 5
- Matthew 9
- Matthew 10
- Matthew 14
- Mark 6
- Luke 9:1-17

Week 6 Day 1

Bible Reading: Luke 5:1-3

Questions for Reflection:

Where is Jesus at this time? Where is the lake of Gennesaret?

Who is this Simon that owned the boat? Where was he and what was he doing when Jesus got into his boat?

Why did Jesus teach the crowd from the boat? Was He just trying to get away from the crowd or was there an analytical reason for His decision?

Jesus used what was available to Him to help communicate truth to these people. What could you use to help communicate truth to those around you?

Week 6 Day 2

Bible Reading: Luke 5:3-5

Questions for Reflection:

After Jesus finished teaching the crowd, what did He ask Simon to do?

Considering that Jesus grew up as the son of a carpenter, how much would Simon think Jesus knew about fishing?

What do we learn about Simon's relationship with Jesus by the way he addresses Him?

In your opinion, how would you describe Simon's physical and emotional state at this time? How would you have felt if you had worked all night but would not be paid for your labor?

Why did Simon do as Jesus told him?

Week 6 Day 3

Bible Reading: Luke 5:6-11

Questions for Reflection:

What happened when Simon did what Jesus told him?

Read verse 8 again. Why did Simon react this way after Jesus performed this miracle?

Who else was there to witness this? What do you think was going through their minds as they saw the haul of fish that was caught?

How does Jesus redefine the careers of these men? What did Jesus mean by what He said in verse 10?

How did the men respond to Jesus' instruction?

Sermon Title:

Sermon Text: **Luke 5:12-16**

Speaker:

Sermon Notes:

Community Group:

Location:

Date:

BIBLE READING PLAN

Week 7

- John 6
- Matthew 15
- Mark 7
- Matthew 16
- Mark 8
- Luke 9:18-27

Week 7 Day 1

Bible Reading: Luke 5:12-15

Questions for Reflection:

What kind of disease is leprosy? Is it contagious?

Look at Leviticus 13. From what you can tell from a brief scan of this chapter, did the Jews consider leprosy to be a serious thing?

Read Leviticus 13:45. What was a leprosy person required to do to warn others of his disease?

What did Jesus do here that was prohibited by Jewish law? What can we learn from this?

What kind of faith is demonstrated here by this man with leprosy? What can we learn from him?

Week 7 Day 2

Bible Reading: Luke 5:13-15

Questions for Reflection:

What did Jesus tell this man to do and not to do as a result of his healing?

Read 2 kings 5: 1- 14. What happened in this passage that mirrors Luke 5?

The prophet who gave instructions to Naaman to be healed of his leprosy was Elisha. Elisha served as a prophet of God from about 850-800 B.C. How significant is it that Jesus healed a man with leprosy considering that there was no record of anyone with leprosy being healed for over 800 years?

When the news of this healing became known, what happened as a result?

Week 7 Day 3

Bible Reading: Luke 5:16

Questions for Reflection:

After ministering to the crowds of people, what did Jesus do and why?

Why is it important to follow Jesus' example in this?

On day three of week five, we asked about the ways you withdraw from the demands of life to spend time with God. In the past two weeks, have you improved in this area?

A friend and life coach has encouraged me to use the following guide to help me balance serving God and spending time alone with God. What might this look like in your life?

- Abandon Annually
- Quarantine Quarterly
- Measure Monthly
- Withdraw Weekly
- Divert Daily

Sermon Title:

Sermon Text: **Luke 5:17-26**

Speaker:

Sermon Notes:

Community Group:

Location:

Date:

BIBLE READING PLAN

Week 8

- Matthew 17
- Mark 9
- Luke 9:28-62
- Matthew 18
- John 7
- John 8

Week 8 Day 1

Bible Reading: Luke 5:17-19

Questions for Reflection:

Where was Jesus when He was doing this teaching? (Refer to Luke 5:1)

Who was sitting there listening to Jesus teach? Some of these men had travelled a long way to hear Jesus teach in person. From where did they come?

In verses 18-19, what were these men attempting to do for their friend? Why could they not get to Jesus? What was their solution to this problem?

What do we know about architecture at that time that made this possible?

Do you have a friend who needs Jesus? What will you do to get your friend to Him?

Week 8 Day 2

Bible Reading: Luke 5:18-20

Questions for Reflection:

When Jesus saw the lengths that this man's friends went to get him to Jesus, how did Jesus respond?

What is odd about His response to this lame man?

What was this man's greatest need—physical healing or spiritual healing? Explain.

What do you think these men thought about Jesus' response to their friend?

Has God ever met your need in an unexpected way? How did you respond when that happened?

Week 8 Day 3

Bible Reading: Luke 5:20-26

Questions for Reflection:

Why were the Scribes and Pharisees bothered when Jesus declared that the man's sins were forgiven?

Read verse 22 again. What do we learn about Jesus' divine power even while in human form?

How do you think it made the Scribes and Pharisees feel when Jesus answered the questions that they were only thinking?

What two miracles were performed by Jesus that day?

Is one of these easier than the other? Why or why not?

Instructions for SOAP Journaling

As we read God's Word, we begin to see how God responds to things. Doing **daily devotions** re-patterns the way we think and transforms the spirit of the mind. Then, when we face similar situations as Jesus did, we begin to respond in the same way.

Journaling is an excellent way to both record and process what God has spoken to us. It's also a useful tool to use at a later time to reflect on and review some of the "gems" that you have received. Without writing these down, you may forget those blessings and some very important lessons!

S for Scripture
Open your Bible to today's reading on your Bible Reading Plan. Take time reading and allow God to speak to you. When you are done, look for a verse that spoke to you that day, and write it in your journal.

O for Observation
What is God saying in this scripture? Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and reveal the truth of this verse to you. Now write a one or two sentence observation about that verse. What does the verse say? What does it mean?

A for Application
Personalize what you have read by asking yourself how it applies to your life right now. Perhaps it is instruction, encouragement, revelation of a new promise, or correction for a particular area of your life. Now write how this Scripture can apply to you today.

P for Prayer
This can be as simple as asking God to help you apply this Scripture, or it may be a greater insight on what He may be revealing to you. Remember, prayer is a two-way conversation, so be sure to listen to what God has to say!

Don't forget to give your journal entry a title and put it in the Table of Contents. This will help you find it when you want to read it again.

HARMONY OF THE GOSPELS

Bible Reading Plan

Week 1:

- John 1:1-14
- Luke 1
- Luke 2:1-38
- Matthew 1
- Luke 2:39-52
- Matthew 2
- Matthew 3

Week 2:

- Mark 1
- Luke 3
- Matthew 4
- Luke 4
- Luke 5
- John 1:15-21

Week 3:

- John 2
- John 3
- John 4
- John 5
- Matthew 12:1-21
- Mark 2
- Mark 3

Week 4:

- Luke 6
- Matthew 5
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- Luke 15
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- Luke 18:1-14
- Mark 10

Week 11:

- Matthew 19
- Matthew 20
- Matthew 21
- Luke 18:15-43
- Luke 19:1-48
- Mark 11
- Mark 12

Week 12:

- John 12
- Matthew 22
- Matthew 23
- Luke 20
- Luke 21
- Mark 13

Week 13:

- Matthew 24
- Matthew 25
- Matthew 26
- Mark 14
- Luke 22
- John 13

Week 14:

- John 14
- John 15
- John 16
- John 17
- Luke 23
- Mark 15
- Matthew 27

Week 15:

- Matthew 28
- John 18
- John 19
- Mark 16
- Luke 24
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Notes...

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The focus of our sermon series will be on the events and teachings of Jesus Christ as recorded by Luke. The simple, inductive studies contained in this book will hopefully help you to absorb more of the truth found in this book.

It is our prayer that as we follow in the steps of our Savior that God will show you the things that He wants you to learn, and that you will obey all that He shows you!