

**READING**

**PLAN**

**LUKE 21**

1 Luke 1:1-38  
2 Luke 1:38-80  
3 Luke 2  
4 Luke 3 & 4  
5 Luke 5  
6 Luke 6  
7 Luke 7

8 Luke 8  
9 Luke 9  
10 Luke 10 & 11  
11 Luke 12  
12 Luke 13 & 14  
13 Luke 15  
14 Luke 16 & 17

15 Luke 18  
16 Luke 19  
17 Luke 20  
18 Luke 21  
19 Luke 22 & 23  
20 Luke 24  
21 Acts 1 & 2

## Luke - Investigating the man who was God.

There are four gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Each tell the same story of Jesus but emphasise different aspects, and facts about Jesus' person and work. Matthew is written to those of Jewish background, Mark those who are Roman, John to those who are Greek, and Luke those who are Gentile, or at least those who do not have an understanding of the Jewish religion and culture.

Luke's Gospel is actually the longest of all the Gospels. It has 1,151 verses, and around half, 568 are simply the words of Jesus. So, if you want to know what Jesus said, just read Luke's Gospel.

Luke and Acts are written by the same author, Luke, they are a prequel and a sequel. The Book of Luke tells the biography of Jesus, and Acts tells the biography of Jesus' people, the church. They are both written to the same man, Theophilus. The longest book of the New Testament is written to one man. God loves the world but he also takes the time to write an intricate detailed account of His Sons' time on earth to one man. It is quite likely that Theophilus may have been a wealthy man who had become a new believer and funded Luke to go and investigate all he could about this man Jesus. So it may be that Theophilus paid for these two books of the New Testament to be written. What an incredible way to use your wealth. His generosity has benefitted many generations of Christians.

Luke is probably not a Jew, therefore didn't grow up going to the Temple, didn't keep the Sabbath or going to synagogue to read the Old Testament. Neither was he waiting for the Messiah. Because of this, and also maybe because he was a Doctor ([Colossians 4:14](#)) he takes time to go into detail in his writings to explain to those of us without a "religious" background who this Jesus was.

The Apostle Paul says on one occasion, "everybody's gone, I'm on my own, except for Luke." What a great insight. Everyone else gives up but Luke's still there. History tells us that he stayed with Paul until Paul was martyred. A friend that sticks with you to the end.

The thing that stands out about Luke is that he's humble, he's a servant and that he's faithful. He not only sticks by Paul through thick and thin, he also, never seems to want to profile himself. He never mentions himself by name even when writing about a situation, especially in Acts, when clearly he was there, he refers to himself in the third person. He didn't care if we knew about him but he did care about us knowing Jesus.

Luke lived until the age of 84 and was buried in Ephesus.