

Bible Study Notes and Questions on the Gospel of Luke

Overview: Luke has written his gospel to Theophilus (meaning “friend of God, lover of God or loved of God) a Roman citizen possibly of high rank because Luke addressed him as “*most excellent Theophilus*” (**Luke 1:3**).

Little is known of Luke but we do know that he was a physician, a historian and possibly a friend of Paul. His name only appears three times in the scriptures, (**Colossians 4:14**, “beloved physician”; **2Timothy 4:11**, with Paul at the point of his martyrdom; **Philemon 24**, a fellow labourer). He had travelled with Paul on some of his journeys in the Mediterranean Sea region as shown by the “we” passages in **Acts 16:10-17; 20:5-16; 21:1-18; 27:1-28:16**.

This gospel may well have been written in about **58-60 AD** when Luke had time on his hands. Paul had been imprisoned in Caesarea. Luke was able to give a record of “all that Jesus began both to do and teach” (**Acts 1:1**) having had contact with eyewitnesses that were first-hand sources in seeing the works that Jesus Christ had done. Luke must have spent a considerable amount of time checking out the accuracy of various sources to see if they were historically true. Then he compiled his materials to have them as we see them today. Luke could have worked with Mark whose gospel was one of his main sources. Luke had put together this material under the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit. He was probably the only Gentile chosen by God to write part of the New Testament scriptures.

Luke was probably a Greek. He had written this gospel with the Gentiles (non-Jews) in mind especially the Greeks. He presented Jesus Christ as the perfect Son of man being that compassionate Saviour as shown in **Luke 19:10** “*For the Son of man has come to seek and save that which was lost*”. His emphasis is on the humanity of Jesus along with many events that show his compassion towards individual people whose lives were changed.

Luke has recorded the birth and early life of our Lord Jesus Christ (**chapters 1 & 2**), his baptism and temptation (**3:1-4:13**); his ministry in Galilee (**4:14-9:17**); his ministry going through places eventually leading to Jerusalem (**9:18-19:27**); and his final week of ministry in Jerusalem (**19:28-24:53**).

Luke has emphasised special themes such as salvation, the under-classes, wealth, prayer, praise, the Holy Spirit, hospitality, faith, repentance, forgiveness and discipleship. These themes can be found in this gospel if you study carefully reading through the entire text a number of times along with using other resources if of benefit.

Luke along with Matthew and Mark have been called the synoptic gospels because they give a general view of the life of Jesus Christ having recorded to some extent the same events. The following statement: “their authorship, mutual relations, and possible connection with a common original” has been called the “Synoptic Problem”. Some people take the view that Mark’s gospel was the earliest followed by Matthew enlarging what Mark wrote and then Luke made use of both sources. Others have said Matthew had written first followed by a shorter edition of Matthew’s gospel by Mark and then Luke followed making use of both records. Luke has additional information which is not recorded in the other three gospels such as the birth, babyhood and boyhood of Jesus (**Luke 2:1-52**), the raising again to life of the widow of Nain’s son (**Luke 7:21-28**), the sending out of the 70 (**Luke 10:1-20**), the Good Samaritan parable (**Luke 10:25-37**), the Prodigal Son (**Luke 15:11-32**), the rich man and Lazarus (**Luke 16:19-31**), the two parables on prayer (**Luke 18:1-14**), a rich tax collector converted (**Luke 19:1-10**), the salvation of the penitent robber on the cross alongside Jesus Christ (**Luke 23:39-44**) and the two who were on the way to Emmaus (**Luke 24:13-35**).

May your times of study not be an academic exercise to know facts about this gospel but to meet with the Lord personally and to receive his understanding of the scriptures.

Questions on Luke's Gospel

Chapter 1

- Q.1)** Read **vs 1-4** and show why Luke justified producing this gospel which he has addressed to Theophilus. See also **Acts 1:1-3**.
- Q.2)** What can we learn from the lives of Zacharias and Elizabeth? See **vs 5-10, 23-25, 39-45**.
- Q.3)** Consider carefully what was foretold of the ministry of the son of Zacharias and Elizabeth. Read **vs 11-17, 76-80**.
- Q.4)** Why was Zacharias disciplined by God through the angel Gabriel? See **vs 18-22**
- Q.5)** What is known of Mary's character in **vs 26-56**?
- Q.6)** What has been revealed to Mary regarding the Son she will conceive? See **vs 31-33** and **Isaiah 9:6-7**.
- Q.7)** Show the explanation the angel Gabriel gave to Mary of the incarnation of Jesus Christ in **vs 34-38**? See also **Isaiah 7:14; 9:6; Matthew 1:19-25; John 1:14; Philippians 2:7**.
- Q.8)** Show the attributes of God revealed in Mary's song in **vs 46-56**. Compare the song of Hannah in **1Samuel 2:1-15**.
- Q.9)** Why did Mary go away to stay with her cousin Elizabeth for three months (**v56**)?
- Q.10)** How did the birth of John the Baptist affect the neighbours, community and that region of Judea? Read carefully **vs 57-67**.
- Q.11)** Show specifically what Zacharias foretold of the Messiah to come? See **vs 68-75**.

Chapter 2

- Q.1)** Describe the birth of Jesus on earth from the evidence in **vs 6-7**.
- Q.2)** Why did Joseph have to go to Bethlehem? See **vs 1-5** and read also **Micah 5:2; Matthew 2:4-6; John 7:42**.
- Q.3)** Consider the significance of the birth of Jesus from the heavenly view point as proclaimed by the angels to the shepherds in **vs 8-14**. What three names were given to the child?
- Q.4)** What was significant about the time when Jesus Christ was born? See **vs 1-5** and also **Psalms 31:15; Galatians 4:4**.
- Q.5)** Show the faithfulness of the shepherds. See **vs 15-20**.
- Q.6)** What was required to fulfil the law in **vs 21-24, 39**? What was the sacrifice Joseph and Mary were able to offer? See also **Leviticus 12:1-8; Matthew 5:17-18; Galatians 4:4**.
- Q.7)** What was known of Simeon as a God in **vs 25-35**?
- Q.8)** What did Simeon proclaim prophetically that would come to pass? See **vs 30-32, 34-35** and also **Psalms 98:1-9; Isaiah 49:6**.
- Q.9)** Show the lessons we can learn from Anna's testimony in **vs 36-38**.
- Q.10)** What is known of Jesus' boyhood in **vs 40-52**? Consider what is happening to Jesus in reaching the age of twelve. What was Jesus aware of as seen in the temple in **vs 46-50**? Show his attitude towards his parents.
- Q.11)** Consider how Joseph and Mary had reacted when they found Jesus in the temple? Why did they not understand what Jesus said to them in **v49**? Read again **vs 43-50**.

Chapter 3

- Q.1)** Consider how John the Baptist was revealed to Israel. Read **vs 1-20**
- A)** His time to respond to the word of God? See **vs 1-2**.
- B)** What was his ministry? See **vs 3-6** and also **Isaiah 40:3-5; John 3:26-36; 1Timothy 3:16**.
- C)** Show clearly John's message in **vs 7-9**.
- D)** Look carefully at John's practical counsel in **vs 10-14**. Notice the people's request said three times: "What shall we do?". See **vs 10, 12, 14**. What has Luke exposed in this text in **vs 10-14**? Compare with **Matthew 6:19-21**.

Chapter 3 continued

E) What has John proclaimed of the gospel in **vs 15-17**? See also **John 1:29; 3:17-21**.

F) Why was he imprisoned by Herod? Read **vs 18-20**.

Q.2) How did Jesus come to be baptised? Show the evidence given of who Jesus is after his baptism. See **vs21-22** and also **John 1:32-34**.

Q.3) What can be known from Jesus' family tree in **vs 23-38**? What is different from the family tree in **Matthew 1:1-17**? Can you see three significant ancestors that Jesus has descended from? What can we learn from this information?

Q.4) What do we understand by the baptism of the Holy Spirit and with fire?

Q.5) Look again at **vs 3-17**. What has John the Baptist taught on repentance? How did many people respond to his message?

Chapter 4

Q.1) Show the ways Jesus was tempted by the devil and how he dealt with each temptation. Is it true we can be tempted in the ways Jesus was tempted? Read **vs 1-13** and see also **Deuteronomy 8:3,13; Psalm 91:11-12; Matthew 4:1-11; Luke 22:39-46; Ephesians 2:2-3; Hebrews 2:14-18; 4:15-16; 1John 2:15-17**.

Q.2) Read again **vs 1-13** and consider carefully the character of the devil in his attempt to resist Jesus' coming ministry. It is helpful to read **Nehemiah 2:9-20; 4:1-23; 6:1-19**.

Q.3) Show what Jesus Christ had been called to do in his ministry on earth in **vs 16-21**.

Q.4) What was the response by the people present in the synagogue to the message Jesus had given in **vs 22-30**?

Q.5) Compare the response to Jesus' ministry in Nazareth to the other places in Galilee such as Capernaum. Read **vs 14-15, 42-44**.

Q.6) Show the authority and power of Jesus' ministry in Capernaum in **vs 31-41**. What three things was Jesus doing that astonished many people.

Q.7) What were the demons aware of regarding Jesus Christ? Read **vs 33-34** and **Acts 19:15**.

Chapter 5

Q.1) Why did Jesus have to preach from a boat? See **vs 1-3**.

Q.2) Consider carefully the attitude of Simon Peter towards Jesus in **vs 3-11**.

Q.3) What did the words "*You shall catch men*" in **v 10** and "*they forsook all*" in **v 11** mean?

Q.4) Show the spiritual lessons we can learn from **vs 1-11**.

Q.5) Can you see from the cleansing of the leper and the healing of a paralytic man proof that Jesus Christ was the Messiah? Read **vs12-15, 16-26**.

Q.6) How did Levi respond to being called by Jesus to follow him? See **vs 27-30**.

Q.7) Show the ways the scribes and the Pharisees criticised Jesus. See **vs17, 21-26, 30-35**. How did Jesus respond to each criticism?

Q.8) What do we know about the faith of the leper, the men who brought the paralytic man to Jesus and the paralytic man himself? How did Jesus respond? Read again **vs 12-14, 18-25**.

Q.9) Discuss the relevance of praying and fasting for a Christian. Read **vs 33-35** and see also **2Chronicles 20:3; Esther 4:13-5:2; Isaiah 58:3-12; Matthew 6:16-18; 17:14-21; Mark 9:16-29; Acts 13:1-3; 14:23; 1Corinthians 7:5; 2Corinthians 11:27**.

Q.10) What was known of Jesus as the heavenly bridegroom in **vs 34-35**? It is helpful to read **Matthew 25:1-13; Revelation 19:6-9**.

Q.11) What was Jesus teaching in **vs 36-38** regarding the new cloth/garment and new wine? How does this teaching apply to Christians today?

Q.12) What has Jesus taught in **v39**? Why did he say "*The old is better*"?

Chapter 6

Q.1) Read carefully **vs 1-11** and see also **Mark 2:23-28; 3:1-6; Exodus 20:8-11; Deuteronomy 5:12-16.**

A) What did the Pharisees and the scribes believe should be taking place on the sabbath? How did they interpret and apply the Jewish sabbath?

B) Show the things Jesus revealed could take place on the sabbath day.

C) How should we as Christians today keep the sabbath day? See also

Genesis 2:1-3; Micah 6:8; Mark 2:27-28; Romans 13:8-10.

Q.2) What spiritual and practical lessons can we learn from the twelve disciples listed by name in **vs 12-16** having been called Jesus. See also **Matthew 10:2-4; Mark 3:16-19; Acts 1:13.**

Q.3) Describe the effect of Jesus' ministry on the multitude that came to hear him in **vs 17-19.**

Q.4) What spiritual lessons can we learn from the blessings and the blessings and the woes Jesus has given in **vs 20-26.** See also **Matthew 5:3,6; James 2:15-17; 1John 3:16-18.**

Q.5) Show the ways Jesus has revealed to us in how we must love our enemies.

Read **vs 27-36** and see also **Romans 12:17-21.**

Q.6) In **vs 37-42** how do they teach us in the ways we should treat other people?

Q.7) How can we tell whether we have a good tree or a bad tree? What can we learn from the illustration? See **vs 43-44.**

Q.8) Show the distinction between a good man and an evil man by reading carefully **v 45.**

Q.9) Describe from the illustration used by Jesus to show true obedience to God and what is clearly disobedience to God. Read **vs 46-49** and also **Matthew 7:24-27.** What should we be doing as Christians to maintain a consistent Christian life?

Chapter 7

Q.1) Why did the centurion have confidence in Jesus healing his servant? Read **vs 1-10.**

Q.2) Show the character of the Roman centurion as seen in his attitude towards the Jewish people. Read again **vs 1-10.** See also **Matthew 8:5-13.**

Q.3) What spiritual lessons can we learn from **vs 1-10**?

Q.4) How do you think this centurion had heard about Jesus? Read yet again **vs 1-10.**

Q.5) Show the compassion Jesus had for the grieving widow of Nain. Read **vs 11-15.**

Q.6) What was the response to this miracle that Jesus had done? Read **vs 16-18.**

Q.7) Show how Jesus reassured John the Baptist that he was God's chosen one.

Read **vs 19-23.** Why did John show doubt about Jesus?

Q.8) In what ways did Jesus show his high regard for John the Baptist? Read **vs 24-30.** What was known of John's character? See also **Isaiah 40:3 & Malachi 3:1.**

Q.9) What did Jesus mean when he said "*but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he*" (John the Baptist), **v 28**?

Q.10) Read carefully **vs 30-34** and consider the reaction of those who have rejected God's word in their attitude to John the Baptist and Jesus Christ.

Q.11) What has Jesus taught about wisdom in **v 35**?

Q.12) Show how this woman was a repentant sinner in **vs 37-38.**

Q.13) What was Simon's attitude towards this woman and how he had treated Jesus having invited him for a meal? Read **vs 36, 39-49.**

Q.14) Show Jesus' approval of this woman in what she did and also proving to her that she was forgiven of her sins. Read **vs 44-50.**

Q.15) Looking again at **vs 36-50** can you see Simon's problem? Take note of **vs 41-43** which apply to Simon.

Chapter 8

- Q.1)** What was known of the women who supported the work Jesus did in **vs 1-3**?
- Q.2)** Why did Jesus allow people to provide for him when he had no need of it?
See **Psalm 50:10**.
- Q.3)** Read carefully **vs 4-15** and consider the teaching Jesus has given in these verses.
A) Show the ways people hear God's word. See **vs 5-8, 12-15**.
B) What was the purposes of the parable? See **vs 9-10**.
- Q.4)** Show the responsibilities followers of Jesus had with regard to God's word in **vs 16-21**.
- Q.5)** Who are the people Jesus regarded as his family? Read **vs 19-21**.
- Q.6)** What were the lessons the disciples of Jesus learnt in this storm in **vs 22-25**? How does this event apply to us today?
- Q.7)** What was known of the man tormented with demons and what do we know about demons? See **vs 26-39**.
- Q.8)** How did Jesus bring healing to this man? Read again **vs 26-39**.
- Q.9)** Describe the condition of this tormented man after Jesus healed him.
Read again **vs 26-39**. Show the evidence of a changed life.
- Q.10)** What was known of Jairus and why he was so desperate for Jesus to come to his house?
See **vs 40-41**.
- Q.11)** What lessons did Jairus learn during the delay that Jesus made on the way to his house?
See **vs 49-52**.
- Q.12)** What was known of the woman's physical condition and why Jesus responded to her touch of his garment leading to complete healing? Read **vs 43-48**.
See also **Matthew 9:20-22 & Mark 5:25-34**.
- Q.13)** How was Jairus' daughter raised to life again? See **vs 51, 54-55**.
- Q.14)** Show the further requests Jesus made to the parents of the girl who was raised to life again. See **vs 55-56**.
- Q.15)** How did Jesus deal with the mourners in **vs 49, 52-54**?
- Q.16)** Reread **vs 40-56**. What do these two stories of healing teach us of faith and the necessity to go on in faith?

Chapter 9

- Q.1)** Show the commission given by Jesus to the disciples in what they were able to do. Show at least three things Jesus stressed to his disciples. Read **vs 1-6**.
- Q.2)** Look again at **vs 3-5** and consider how ministers of the gospel should live? What are the warnings we must take seriously to avoid seeing the gospel brought into disrepute?
- Q.3)** How did Herod respond when he heard the news of Jesus' work in **vs 7-9**?
- Q.4)** What can we learn from Jesus' attitude towards people who found him at what could be an inconvenient time to rest? See **vs 10-11**. See also **Matthew 14:13-14; Mark 6:30-34**.
- Q.5)** What spiritual lessons can we learn from the way Jesus fed the 5000 in **vs 12-17**? See also **Matthew 14:15-21; Mark 6:35-44; John 6:1-15**.
- Q.6)** What were the opinions of who Jesus was according to **vs 18-19**? Compare them with the opinions of the disciples in **v 20**.
- Q.7)** Why did Jesus stress to his disciples not to tell others who he is? See **vs 21-22**.
- Q.8)** What did Jesus foretell of his coming death and how did the disciples respond to what he said? See **vs 22, 44-45**.
- Q.9)** Show the cost of discipleship if we want to follow Jesus. Read **vs 23-26**. What can be barriers in preventing people from being followers of Jesus?
- Q.10)** Look carefully at **v 27** and if possible discuss with others what Jesus means here of the kingdom of God.

Chapter 9 continued.

Q.11) What were the lessons Peter, John and James learnt from the experience of seeing the transfiguration of Jesus in **vs 28-36** and the mission he was sent to do?

See also **Matthew 17:1-9 & Mark 9:2-9**.

Q.12) Why did the disciples fail to cast out the evil spirit from the boy? Read **vs 37-42**.

See also **Matthew 17:14-21 & Mark 9:14-29**.

Q.13) Show the purpose of Jesus revealing his suffering in **vs 43-45** to his disciples at this time.

Q.14) What is the way for a believer to know greatness? See **vs 46-48 & Philippians 2:3-4**.

Q.15) What is the problem of sectarianism and how did Jesus teach against it in **vs 49-50**.

Q.16) Show the attitude that Jesus took to going on to Jerusalem in **v 51**.

Q.17) Why was John and James' zeal so misplaced in **vs 52-56**? How did Jesus show them what he came to do on earth?

Q.18) What are the hindrances shown to discipleship in **vs 57-62**? Consider what each man should have done to be fit to serve Jesus Christ.

Chapter 10

Q.1) Read carefully **vs 1-11** and make a list of the instructions Jesus gave to the seventy.

Q.2) Discuss how we can learn from these instructions if we wish to carry out such a mission into various towns and cities. Read again **vs 1-11**.

Q.3) Suggest why Jesus has spoken about judgment on cities mentioned in **vs 12-16**?

See also **Revelation 16:17-21**.

Q.4) Why were the seventy so joyful when they returned to Jesus? What was Jesus's response to the seventy? Read **vs 17-20**.

Q.5) Read **vs 21-22** and consider: (I) Who are the people that will know the things of God. (II) The relationship between Jesus and the Father.

Q.6) Why were the disciples blessed in knowing the things of God? See **vs 23-24**

Q.7) What spiritual principle had the lawyer understood which will enable him to know God? Read **vs 25-28**.

Q.8) Read carefully the story of the good Samaritan and consider who your neighbour is. See **vs 29-37**. Why did the priest and the Levite refuse to help the wounded man?

Q.9) Show the things Mary and Martha were concerned about? Read **vs 38-42**. What had Jesus considered more important? Can you see the difference between the characters of Mary and Martha?

Chapter 11

Q.1) Read **vs 1-14**. What is Jesus teaching his disciples and ourselves on how we should pray? Look carefully at the various themes coming out especially in **vs 2-4**. See also **Matthew 6:5-15**.

Q.2) Show the attitude in prayer that Jesus has commended in **vs 5-13**. Consider the results that are expected in such prayer and give reasons for such confidence in prayer.

Q.3) What was the attitude of various people towards Jesus casting out demons in **vs 14-16**?

Q.4) How did Jesus address the issue of evil spirits? See **vs 17-26**.

Q.5) Why is the condition of this man, although morally cleaned up, insufficient according to Jesus' explanation? What is needed for a man to be sure of being totally free from the influence of evil spirits? Read again **vs 24-26**.

Q.6) Why does the word of God take priority over everything else in life? See **vs 27-28**.

Q.7) Consider what we know of the faith of the Queen of Sheba and that of the Ninevites compared to that of most of the Jews in Jesus' time.

Chapter 11 continued

- Q.8)** Read carefully **vs 33-36**. What did Jesus teach about spiritual blindness? What ways had people sinned against God. Consider the sign of Jonas in **Matthew 12:40** and read **vs 38-41**.
- Q.9)** Read **vs 37-52**. Show the wickedness of the scribes and Pharisees that Jesus exposed. You may find making a list of the woes Jesus spoke against the scribes and Pharisees helpful. Can you see what the scribes and Pharisees had neglected? See particularly **vs 39-52**.
- Q.10)** What was the reaction of the scribes and Pharisees towards Jesus' sharp rebuke against them in **vs 53-54**.

Chapter 12)

- Q.1)** Study carefully **vs 1-12** and show what lessons Jesus has taught his disciples that also apply to us as believers.
- Q.2)** Discuss when a person cannot be forgiven of sins. See **v 10** and also **Matthew 12:31-32 & Mark 3:28-30**.
- Q.3)** Why did Jesus refuse to be drawn in to a family dispute in **vs 13-14**?
- Q.4)** What is the danger of covetousness? See **vs 15-21** and also **1Timothy 6:10**.
- Q.5)** Whilst not wrong to provide for the future, where did this man go wrong in **vs 15-21**?
- Q.6)** Can you think of examples today of the thinking of the rich farmer? Reread **vs 15-21**.
- Q.7)** Read carefully **vs 22-30**. Show the remedies Jesus has given to help us deal with anxiety.
- Q.8)** How can we obtain the true wealth that God wants to give us in **vs 31-34**?
- Q.9)** Consider in **vs 35-40** what the faithful servants were doing before the Lord came. Who is the Lord being referred to in these verses?
- Q.10)** Read **vs 41-48**. Compare what will happen to faithful servants in **vs 42-44** with those that are unfaithful servants in **vs 45-48**.
- Q.11)** Look again at **vs 35-48**. Show the reasons for being alert and ready for Jesus' return. What does the Lord require of us to do whilst waiting for his return?
- Q.12)** What was Jesus revealing to us in **vs 49-50**?
- Q.13)** Show why there are divided houses or homes in **vs 51-53**.
- Q.14)** Why were so many people spiritually blind in **vs 54-57**?
- Q.15)** What was the warning Jesus gave in **vs 58-59**?

Chapter 13

- Q.1)** Read carefully **vs 1-9** and consider two things God is looking for.
- Q.2)** Read **vs 2-5**. Consider whether those who suffered and died in these disasters were greater sinners.
- Q.3)** Is it true to say this parable in **vs 6-9** has shown the patience of God?
- Q.4)** Read **vs 10-13, 16**. What was wrong with the woman? Consider carefully how Jesus healed her.
- Q.5)** What was known of the response to this miracle having taken place? See **v 17**.
- Q.6)** Show the importance of what could be done on the sabbath day. See **vs 14-17**.
- Q.7)** What was wrong with the attitude of the ruler of the synagogue? See **vs 14-15**.
- Q.8)** What has Jesus taught about the kingdom of God in **vs 18-21**?
- Q.9)** What is significant about **v 22**.
- Q.10)** Show what is required to enter the kingdom of God. Read **vs 23-24**.
- Q.11)** Why did Jesus foretell many people failing to enter the kingdom of God? See **vs 24-28**.
- Q.12)** Who are the people that Jesus has referred to in **v 28** who will be thrust out of the kingdom of God? Look also at **Acts 10:34-35** and **Romans 2:21-23** and prove God has shown no partiality.

Chapter 13 continued

Q.13) How did Jesus react when certain Pharisees warned him that Herod was intending to kill him? See **vs 31-33**.

Q.14) What do we understand by the state of Jerusalem revealed by Jesus in **vs 34-35**?

Q.15) Read **v 35** and **Luke 21:24** and then read **Romans 11:11-15, 23-27**. Is there evidence shown here of a future conversion of the Jewish people to become believers in Jesus Christ as their Messiah.

Chapter 14

Q.1) Read carefully **vs 1-6**. What general moral principle was Jesus attempting to set in place from the two questions asked? What about situations today when we may need to respond to on the sabbath day?

Q.2) Show how Jesus exposed the inconsistency of the Pharisees regarding the sabbath day. Read through again **vs 1-6**.

Q.3) What has Jesus taught about genuine humility in **vs 7-11** if a person has been invited to a wedding? Can you think of other social settings where this teaching could be applicable to other occasions? Read also **Proverbs 25:6-7**.

Q.4) Show the advice that Jesus gave to his host that would lead to ultimate blessing to the host personally if he is involved in serving the Lord. Read carefully **vs 12-14**.

Q.5) Look again at **vs 1-14** and consider what the motive could be for the Pharisee inviting Jesus to his banquet.

Q.6) Read **vs 15-24** and consider what the banquet can represent. Who could be the people invited to the banquet? What happens to the people who do not enter the banquet and what keeps them out of the Banquet?

Q.7) What has Jesus taught about true discipleship in **vs 25-35**?

Q.8) Why did Jesus use the word "hate" in **v 26**? This word seems contradictory to Jesus' teaching on universal love in **Luke 6:27-36**. So, what did Jesus mean by the word "hate"?

Q.9) In **vs 34-35** they show the warning Jesus gave us regarding our relationship with him. How do we continue to maintain spiritual freshness and purity? Read again **vs 25-35**.

Chapter 15

Q.1) Show the attitude of the Pharisees towards the publicans and sinners. Read **vs 1-2**. See also **Matthew 9:11; Mark 2:16; Luke 5:30**.

Q.2) How did Jesus treat publicans and sinners? Read again **1-2** and also **Matthew 9:10-13; Mark 2:14-17** and **Luke 5:29-32**.

Q.3) What has Jesus taught in the parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin? Read carefully **vs 3-10**. See also **Matthew 18:12-14**.

Q.4) Read **vs 11-32**. What can we understand about the following characters?

A) The younger son of a certain man. What does it mean "he came to himself" in **v 17**?

B) The father of this younger son. Why did he make merry in **vs 22-24, 32**?

C) The elder brother. Why did he refuse to celebrate his younger brother's return in **vs 28-30**?

D) Show the basic problems with both of the two sons.

E) How does the father reveal who God is in **vs 11-32**?

Q.5) Read through the entire chapter again and consider what God really desired so much to achieve. See also **Luke 19:10**.

Q.6) Show how the three parables in this chapter are the answer to the Pharisees' objections.

Q.7) Read again carefully the story of the Prodigal Son in **vs 11-32**. What does this parable teach about A) Sin? B) Repentance? C) The love of God?

Chapter 16

- Q.1)** What has Jesus been teaching regarding the steward in **vs 1-8**? What can we learn from unbelievers (children of the world) in view of what Jesus has said in **v 8**?
- Q.2)** What has Jesus taught about the “unrighteous mammon” in **v 11**? Show how we as believers should handle material possessions. Read **vs 9-13**. See also **1 Timothy 6:10**.
- Q.3)** What did Jesus mean by the “true riches” in **v 11**?
- Q.4)** Read carefully **vs 13-15** and show how these verses reveal the character of the Pharisees. Describe their attitude towards Jesus.
- Q.5)** Who is now able to enter the kingdom of God? See **v 16**.
- Q.6)** Consider whether the law and the prophets have any relevance today. See **vs 16-17**. See also **Matthew 5:17-18; Romans 3:31**.
- Q.7)** Look carefully at **v 18** and **Matthew 5:31-32**. What has Jesus taught regarding divorce?
- Q.8)** What was known of the rich man? Where had he gone after his death? Read **vs 19-23**.
- Q.9)** What was known of Lazarus? Where had he gone after his death? Read **vs 20-23**.
- Q.10)** Describe the place of Abraham’ bosom/side in **v 22**. See also **Luke 23:43**.
- Q.11)** What was the rich man experiencing in torment? See **23-28 & Mark 9:43-48**.
- Q.12)** Show what was sufficient to warn the rich man’s five brothers from entering the place of torment? Read **vs 29-31**.

Chapter 17

- Q.1)** Read carefully **vs 1-10**. These verses show four characteristics of a true disciple. See **vs 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-10**. Can you say what they are and the teaching Jesus has brought for each characteristic.
- Q.2)** Read **vs 11-19**. Show the difference in attitude towards Jesus Christ between the Samaritan and the other nine lepers that were healed. What response did Jesus expect to see from all the lepers after they had been healed?
- Q.3)** What has Jesus taught regarding the kingdom of God to the Pharisees in **vs 20-21**?
- Q.4)** Jesus has talked about the things to come in **vs 22-37**. Before these things take place, what has to happen first? See **v 25**. Why was it necessary for him to foretell this event? See also **Luke 5:35; 9:22, 43-45; 12:50; 13:32-33; 18:31; 24:7**.
- Q.5)** Read **vs 22-24, 26-29**. What has Jesus revealed of the events that will be taking place just prior to his return. See also **Matthew 24:29; Mark 13:24-25; Luke 21: 25-26**.
- Q.6)** Read **vs 24, 30-37** and consider what will happen at the time of the return of Jesus Christ to earth. See also **Matthew 24:30-31; Mark 13:26-27; Luke 21:27; Revelation 1:7**.

Chapter 18

- Q.1)** Read **vs 1-14** and consider the importance of prayer that Jesus taught in A) The judge and the widow (**vs 2-8**). B) The Pharisee and the publican/tax collector (**vs 9-14**).
- Q.2)** What did Jesus teach the disciples regarding the encounter with children in **vs 15-17**? Read also **Matthew 19:13-15 & Mark 10:13-16**.
- Q.3)** Read **vs 18-30**. It is helpful to read **Matthew 19:16-30 & Mark 10:17-31**.
- A) What is known about the ruler in **vs 18-23**?
- B) Look again at **vs 18-19**. Why did Jesus say: “*Why call me good? None is good, save one, that is, God?*”
- C) Show the hindrances that kept the ruler from entering the kingdom of God. See **vs 22-25**.
- D) How did the disciples react to what Jesus had said in **vs 24-25**? Read **vs 26-28**.
- E) Show the encouragement Jesus has given his disciples in **vs 29-30**.
- Q.4)** What has Jesus foretold specifically about his death? Why were the disciples not able to understand what Jesus had told them? See **vs 31-34**.

Chapter 18 continued

Q.5) Read carefully **vs 35-43**. Is there evidence that the blind beggar was a true believer in Jesus Christ? Consider the reaction of Jesus when he heard the cries of the blind beggar.

Q.6) Read through the entire chapter and make a list of any lessons you have learnt from these scriptures.

Chapter 19

Q.1) Read carefully **vs 1-10**. A) Consider the character of Zacchaeus before he met Jesus personally. See **vs 1-4, 7**. B) Show the change in Zacchaeus when Jesus came to his house. See **vs 5-6, 8**. C) What do we know of Jesus' reaction to Zacchaeus?

Q.2) What did many people believe about the kingdom of God? What did they expect to see take place? Read **v 11**.

Q.3) Read **vs 12-27**. A) What was known of the nobleman in **vs 12-27**? Who could he represent in this story? B) Who were faithful in carrying out the nobleman's requests? Who do they represent? C) What was known of the lazy servant in **vs 20-26**? Who could he be representing in this story? D) Who were the citizens that rejected the nobleman ruling over them? Read **vs 14 & 27**. E) Can you see whether this story was prophetic? It is helpful to compare this story with the talents in **Matthew 25:14-30**.

Q.4) Read **vs 28-40**. Why did Jesus make a public entry to Jerusalem on a young donkey?

Q.5) Show the response of the multitude in **vs 37-38**. What were many of them expecting to see take place?

Q.6) Why did the Pharisees object to such a loud voice from this multitude? Show why Jesus rebuked them. Read **vs 39-40**.

Q.7) What had Jesus foretold would happen to Jerusalem in **vs 41-44**?

See also **Luke 21:20-24**.

Q.8) Show the way many people had treated the temple. How did Jesus react and how did Jesus desire the temple to be used? Consider the response of the religious leaders and the people. Read **vs 45-48**. See also **Matthew 21:12-13 & Mark 11:15-17**. Is it true today that many church assemblies treat their buildings in the same way many people in Jerusalem had done before Jesus cleansed the temple?

Chapter 20

Q.1) What authority has Jesus referred to in **vs 1-8**? See also **Matthew 21: 23-28**.

Q.2) Why did Jesus refuse to say what authority he had to do "*these things*"? See again **vs 1-8**.

Q.3) What has Jesus taught through this parable of the husbandman/ farmers in **vs 9-18**. See also **Matthew 21: 33-46 & Mark 12:1-12**.

Q.4) Show the reaction of the religious leaders who heard this parable. Read **vs 16-20**.

Q.5) What should our attitude be towards paying taxes as shown by Jesus' response to those asking him such a question in **vs 21-26**. See also **Matthew 22:15-22 & Mark 12:13-17**. What had the chief priests and the scribes tried to do in asking Jesus about tribute in **v 22**?

Q.6) Read **vs 27-40** and also **Matthew 22:23-33 & Mark 12:18-27**.

A) Show the ignorance of the Sadducees towards the word of God regarding the resurrection.

B) What has Jesus taught about the resurrection? See **vs 34-38**.

C) Show the reaction of those who had heard Jesus' teaching on the resurrection in **vs 39-40**.

Q.7) Read **Psalm 110** along with **vs 41-44**. What was David able to understand about Jesus the Messiah? Why is Jesus also known as the Son of David? Read also **Matthew 1:1-17; 22:41-46 & Mark 12:35-37**.

Q.8) Why did Jesus warn the disciples and other people present about the scribes in **vs 45-47**?

Chapter 21

Q.1 Consider what Jesus has taught about true giving in reading **vs 1-4**.

See also **Mark 12: 41-44; Luke 6:38; 2Corinthians 8:1-15**.

Q.2) Read carefully **vs 5-24** and attempt to answer the following questions.

A) What was known of the temple as a building in **vs 5-6** and in **Matthew 24:1 & Mark 13:1-2?**

B) Show the judgment that Jesus foretold would happen to Jerusalem in reading **vs 6-24**. Make a list of the various things Jesus foretold will come.

C) Show the questions the disciples asked Jesus regarding future things. See **v 7** and also **Matthew 24:3 & Mark 13:3-4**. Have you any questions regarding things to come?

D) Jesus spoke of the complete destruction of Jerusalem as "*the days of vengeance*" in **v 22**. Why was Jerusalem destroyed as seen in **70AD** by the Romans? See also **Luke 11:49-51; 13:34-35; 19:41-44; Matthew 23:37-39**.

E) Show how Jesus was preparing the disciples for the coming days after his return to heaven.

F) Is there any part of this prophecy of Jesus that is still to be fulfilled?

Q.3) Describe what happens just before Jesus returns bodily to earth. Read **vs 25-26** and see also **Matthew 24:29 & Mark 13:24-25**.

Q.4) Show how Jesus returns to earth in **v 27** and also in **Matthew 24:30-31; 26:64; Mark 13:26-27; 14:62**.

Q.5) What was Jesus teaching in the parable of the fig tree? Read **vs 29-33** and see also **Matthew 24:32-35 & Mark 13:28-31**.

Q.6) How are we to live in view of Jesus returning to earth? See **v 28, 34-36** and see also **Matthew 24:42-51 & Mark 13:32-37**.

Q.7) How did Jesus spend his time in the last days before he was arrested? See **vs 37-38**.

Chapter 22

Q.1) Read **vs 1-6**. Why was it useful to the Jewish leaders to let Judas help them to arrest Jesus? What do we know had taken place in Judas' heart? Read **v 3** and also **John 13:27**.

Q.2) How did Jesus and his disciples prepare for Passover? Read **vs 7-13**.

See also **Matthew 26:17-19 & Mark 14:12-16**.

Q.3) Read carefully **vs 14-38** which has shown the account of the last supper. Attempt to answer the following questions.

A) Show clearly the importance of the bread and the cup. Why is it important to remember and partake in this communion table regularly? Read **vs 14-20** and see also **Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; 1Corinthians 11:17-32; Jeremiah 31:31-34**.

B) Look again at **vs 16-18** and consider any prophetic fulfilment still to come regarding the Lord's supper. See also **Matthew 26:29 & Mark 14:25**.

C) What did Jesus reveal of his betrayer to the disciples during this last supper? Read **vs 21-23** and see also **Matthew 26:21-25; Mark 14:22-25; John 13:21-30**.

D) Using the evidence in question C, discuss whether Judas partook in the bread and the cup. See also **Matthew 26:21-25; Mark 14:18-21; John 13:21-30**.

E) What did Jesus teach on servant leadership in **vs 24-27?**

See also **Matthew 20:20-28 & Mark 10:35-45**.

F) Show the blessings the disciples of Jesus would receive in the future. Read **vs 28-30**.

G) What did Jesus reveal of Peter's denial of him? See **vs 31-34**.

Read also **Matthew 26:31-35; Mark 14:27-31; John 13:36-38**.

H) Read **vs 35-36, 38**. Why has Jesus changed his instructions regarding the disciples being sent out? See also **9:3; 10:4** and **Acts 25:11**.

I) What was Jesus about to fulfil in the prophetic statement in **v 37**. See also **Isaiah 53:12**.

Chapter 22 continued

Q.4) What was so significant about our Lord's prayers on the Mount of Olives? Read **vs 39-46**. Why did he rebuke his disciples? See also **Matthew 26:36-46 & Mark 14:32-42**.

Q.5) Show how Jesus responded to his arrest in **vs 47-53**. Compare with **Matthew 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-50; John 13:3-11**. What lessons can we learn from Jesus' arrest? See also **Matthew 5:44**.

Q.6) Why did Peter disown or deny Jesus? See **vs 54-62**. See also **Matthew 26:69-75; Mark 14:66-72; John 18:15-18, 25-27**.

Q.7) Show the attitude of the soldiers and the council elders, chief priests and scribes towards Jesus. Read **vs 63-71** and see also **Matthew 26:57-67; Mark 14:53-65; John 18:19-24**.

Q.8) What did Jesus reveal of himself at this council? See **vs 67-70** and see also **Matthew 26: 63-64 & Mark 14:61-62**.

Q.9) Discuss the charge against Jesus Christ. See **vs 70-71**. See also **Matthew 26:65-66 & Mark 14:63-64**. You may wish to consider why the trial of Jesus Christ has proved to be illegal. See also **Matthew 26:59-60 & Mark 14:55-59**.

Chapter 23

Q.1) Show why Pilate believed Jesus was an innocent man. What caused him to hand Jesus over to his accusers to be crucified? Read carefully **vs 1-7, 13-16, 20-25**. See also **Matthew 27:17-26; Mark 15:9-15; John 18:29-40; 19:1-16**.

Q.2) What had Herod hoped to see Jesus do? See **vs 8-9**.

Q.3) How did Jesus' accusers speak against him in these trials? See **vs 2, 5, 10, 18, 21, 23**. What charge did they want to bring against him to try and convince Pilate he was a threat to Roman rule?

Q.4) What was Herod's attitude towards Jesus in **v 11**?

Q.5) What had caused Pilate and Herod to become friends in **v 12**?

Q.6) What was known of Barabbas? See **vs 17-19, 25**. See also **Matthew 27:15-27; Mark 15:6-7; John 18:39-45**.

Q.7) Show the response of Jesus throughout his trials. Read **v 1-25**. It is helpful to read what is known from the other gospels how Jesus handled the time on trial before Pilate. Read **Matthew 27:1-2, 11-26; Mark 15:1-15; John 18:29-40; 19:1-16**.

Q.8) What is known of Simon of Cyrene and consider how he felt about helping Jesus carry the cross. See **v 26** and see also **Matthew 27:32 & Mark 15:21**.

Q.9) Consider the reaction of the women towards Jesus in **v 27** and the message Jesus has given to these women in **vs 28-31**.

Q.10) What is known of the two malefactors and their attitude towards Jesus? Read **vs 32-33, 39-43** and see also **Matthew 27: 38, 44 & Mark 15: 27-28, 32**.

Q.11) Show the attitude of the people that spoke against Jesus in **vs 34-37**. See also **Matthew 27:39-43 & Mark 15:29-32**.

Q.12) What was Jesus' attitude towards his murderers in **v 34**? How applicable is this prayer to us today? See also **Matthew 5:44 & Romans 12:19-21**.

Q.13) What is significant about the superscription in **v 38**? See also **Matthew 27:37; Mark 15:26; John 19:19-22**.

Q.14) Show the events that took place at the point of Jesus' death in **vs 44-45**. See also **Matthew 27:45-53; Mark 15:33-38; John 19:25-37**.

Q.15) How did Jesus die according to **v 46** and how did some of the people respond to his death in **vs 47-49**? See also **Matthew 27:54-56 & Mark 15:39-41**.

Q.16) Why is the burial of Jesus important to the Christian? See **vs 52-54**. Read also **Matthew 27:60; Mark 15:46-47; John 19:41, 47**.

Chapter 13 continued

Q.17) Consider the faith of Joseph of Arimathaea and the women. Read **vs 50-56** and see also **Matthew 27:57-61; Mark 15:39-41; John 19: 38-42.**

Chapter 24

Q.1) Can we say which day of the week Jesus rose again? See **v 1; Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:2; John 20:1.**

Q.2) What had the women been expecting to do at the sepulchre on the day after the sabbath? See **v 1 & Mark 15:2.**

Q.3) Read carefully **vs 1-10.** Show the evidence that Jesus had risen from the dead.

Q.4) Is it true to say the women believed that Jesus had been risen? Read **vs 4-10, 22-23.**

Q.5) Why did the apostles of Jesus show unbelief that Jesus had been raised to life again? Read **v 11.**

Q.6) How did Peter respond to the news? Do you think he came to believe Jesus had been raised to life again? See **v 12.**

Q.7) What did the two people on the way to Emmaus understand had happened to Jesus? Read **vs 13-24.**

Q.8) What did the two on the way to Emmaus believe regarding Jesus? Look carefully at **vs 19-21.**

Q.9) Read carefully **vs 13-35** what do they teach about the Christian life?

Q.10) How did Jesus reveal himself to the two people whilst walking with them on the way home to Emmaus and in their home? Read carefully **vs 25-31.**

Q.11) How did the two people come to know Jesus had been with them and show the immediate response they did next. Read carefully **vs 31-35.**

Q.12) Show the immediate response of the disciples when they saw Jesus with them. Read **vs 36-38.**

Q.13) How did Jesus prove to his disciples he had had a bodily resurrection? See **vs 39-43.**

Q.14) What has Jesus taught in **vs 44-49** to his disciples. What do we need to know to be witnesses of our Lord Jesus Christ?

Q.15) What is the message of the Ascension of Jesus had departed in **vs 50-53**? See also **Acts 1:4-14.** What did the disciples do when Jesus had departed from them?

Miscellaneous Questions on the Gospel of Luke

The following questions may take a considerable amount of time for the diligent bible student. It has been the intention of the author to encourage extensive study where possible.

Q.1) What does this gospel teach us about who God is? See **1:30-38, 46-55, 69-75; 2:9-11; 3:16-17, 21-22; 4:1-13, 18; 5:17, 24, 31-32; 9:35, 56; 11:9-13; 12:10-12, 31; 19:10; 20:37-38; 22:69-70; 23:2-3, 34-38.**

Q.2) In view of Luke being a Gentile, show the evidence he has given on mentioning Gentiles in this gospel. See **2:1-4, 29-32; 4:24-27; 7:1-10; 10:13-15; 21:20-24; 23:47.**

Q.3) Try to make a list of the prophecies in this gospel and consider whether they have been fulfilled or still to come to pass. See **1:31-33, 46-55, 68-79; 2:29-34, 38; 9:43-45; 11:2; 13:34-35; 17:20-37; 21:8-36; 22:69-70; 24:6-8, 27, 44.**

Q.4) Read through this gospel and show the evidence of the marked attention Luke has given to women in this gospel. The following biblical references are helpful. See **1:13, 23-24; 7:12-15; 7:36-50; 8:1-3; 8:43-48; 10:38-42; 11:27-28; 13:11-13; 23:49, 55-56; 24:1-11, 22-23.**

Q.5) What does this gospel teach on prayer? See **1:10, 13; 2:29-32, 37; 3:21; 5:16; 6:12; 9:18, 28-29; 11:1-13; 18:1-14; 21:36; 22:32, 41-46; 23:34, 36, 42, 46.**

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Q.6) What does Luke reveal of the miracles of Jesus Christ? See **4:38-41; 5:12-13, 24-26; 6:6-10; 7:1-15; 8:22-36; 9:11-17.**

Q.7) Consider carefully what is known of demons or devils or evil spirits and how Jesus dealt with them. See **4:33-37, 41; 8:2, 26-40; 9:1, 38-42, 49-50; 10:17-20; 11:14-20; 13:11-17, 32.**

Q.8) Show from Luke's gospel what has been taught of the Kingdom of God. See **Luke 1:32-33, 4:43; 6:20; 7:38; 8:1, 10; 9:2, 11, 27, 60, 62; 10:9-11; 11:14-26; 12:31-32; 13:18, 20, 28-29; 14:15; 16:16; 17:20-21; 18:16, 17, 24, 25, 29; 19:11, 12, 15; 21:10, 31; 22:16, 18, 29-30, 23: 42, 51.**

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