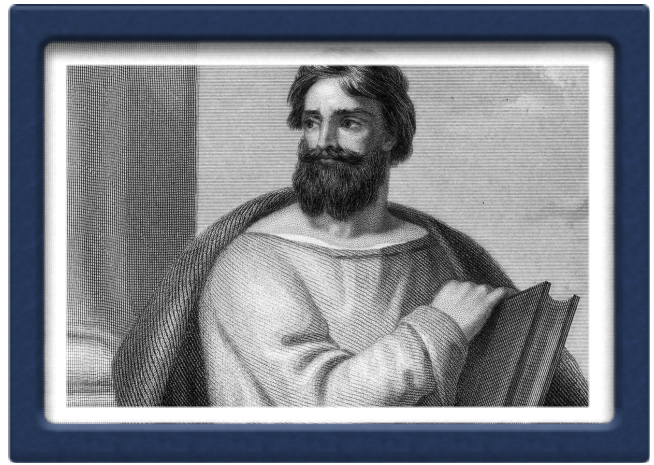


THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Chapter 1



LUKE'S OWN INTRODUCTION

- Was Luke aware of other accounts of Jesus' life?
- What does Luke say makes his account different?
 - "...having _____ everything carefully..."
 - What sorts of things would this have included in addition to Holy Spirit inspiration?
 - "...in _____ order..."
 - In what order was most of eastern literature organized?
 - That this account was written in consecutive order tells us what about Luke's reader?
- For whom is this account specifically written?

THE PROPHECY OF THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

- Why is there an emphasis on John the Baptist?
 - Amos 8:11 — "Behold, days are coming," declares the Lord GOD, "when I will send a _____ on the land, not a famine for bread or a thirst for water, but rather for hearing the _____ of the _____."
 - Did this happen? When?
 - Mal. 3:1-3 — "Behold, I am going to send My _____, and he will clear the way _____ Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the _____ of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming," says the LORD of hosts. "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a _____ fire and like _____ soap. He will sit as a _____ and purifier of silver, and He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, so that they may present to the LORD offerings in righteousness."

- And...Mal. 4:5,6 “Behold, I am going to send you _____ the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the _____. “He will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse.”
- And...Matt. 17:10-12 And His disciples asked Him, “Why then do the scribes say that _____ must come first?” And He answered and said, “Elijah is coming and will _____ all things; but I say to you that Elijah already _____, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they wished. So also the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands.”
- John the Baptist is the predicted _____, the unmistakable _____, of the imminent appearance of _____.
- John’s parents: _____ and _____
 - From the tribe of _____
 - No _____ — Elizabeth was barren and both of them were advanced in _____
- How was Zacharias chosen to minister in the holy place to burn incense?
- How was Zacharias informed that he and Elizabeth would have a son?
 - What was Zacharias told about him?
 - John was to be a _____ from birth (1:15)
 - What was Zacharias’ initial response? _____ Lesson?
 - What was the angel’s name?
 - Where else do we see this angel?
 - What was to be the sign for Zacharias to believe (and be taught a lesson)?
 - When did Elizabeth become pregnant?
 - What was her reaction?

J E S U S ’ B I R T H I S F O R E T O L D T O M A R Y

- When did Gabriel come to Mary to tell her of her extraordinary circumstance of being with child?
- Explain “engaged” in the ancient world?

- Think about superficial irony of being “favored with God” and the trials that Mary was given to endure. What lessons are there for us?
- What great things did Gabriel tell Mary about the Child she would bear?
 - V. 31
 - You will call Him _____ (what does this mean?)
 - Vs. 32
 - He will be _____
 - be called the _____ of the _____
 - God will give Him the _____ of His father _____
 - v. 33
 - He will _____ over the house of _____ forever
 - His _____ will have no _____
- What was Mary’s natural point of confusion?
 - How was the “problem” explained?
 - What proof or “sign” was given Mary to believe this news?
 - How could they be related if Mary was from the tribe of Judah and Elizabeth was from the tribe of Levi (of the daughters of Aaron)?
- What was Mary’s reaction?
 - Lessons for us?

MARY VISITS ELIZABETH

- How long did it take for Mary to check out what she had been told about Elizabeth?
- When Mary entered the house of Zacharias and called out Elizabeth’s name, what two things happened?
 - How did Elizabeth know about Mary?

- Why does Elizabeth say (v. 45) that Mary was blessed?

Lesson?

THE "MAGNIFICAT", MARY'S SONG OF PRAISE

- What is the essence of Mary's response, the Magnificat?
- What was Mary feeling at this point?
- How long did Mary stay with Zacharias and Elizabeth?

JOHN IS BORN

- When Elizabeth gave birth and on the day of _____ give him his name, neighbors and family thought his name should be _____, but Elizabeth corrected them that his name should be _____.
 - When they asked _____ what his name should be, he wrote on a tablet, "His name is _____."
 - Zacharias' tongue is now _____ and he starts _____ God.
 - What was the general reaction of neighbors and family to these events?
- Zacharias, now filled with the Holy Spirit, prophesies about this child born of his old age
 - called the _____ of the _____
 - will go on before the LORD to _____ His ways give to His people the _____ of _____
 - by the _____ of their _____
 - ...with which the Sunrise from on high will visit us, TO SHINE UPON THOSE WHO SIT IN _____ AND THE _____ OF _____ (Isa 9:1ff)
- The child _____, becomes strong in _____, living in the _____ until the day of public ministry