

Bible Training Institute

To proactively accelerate the spiritual growth of Grace Bible Church for the purpose of knowing God more intimately and becoming more effective servants of God in the world

A scroll of aged parchment with a dark red background. The parchment is unrolled, showing a central area with the text "Luke/Acts & Luke" written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The scroll has a slightly textured appearance with some faint stains and a dark red border.

Luke/Acts & Luke

Introduction

- Luke/Acts—Relationship between Luke and Acts
 - Volume 1 and 2 of one work (Acts 1:1)
 - Luke written before Acts (58-63 for both)
 - Same recipient: Theophilus
 - Same purpose—Luke 1:4
- Author— Luke, ministry companion of Paul
- Reader— Theophilus--“Lover of God”--
“Most excellent” = Roman provincial governor

Historical/Theological Themes

- Sovereign Plan and Purpose of God
 - “It is necessary” motif—e.g., Luke 2:49
 - Determination of God—e.g., Acts 2:23
 - Appointment of God—e.g., Acts 22:14
 - Fulfillment of Scripture
- Savior/Salvation
- Power of God
- Jesus, the Lord—210x
- Death/Resurrection/Ascension of Jesus
- Holy Spirit

Historical/Theological Themes

- Gentiles and Gentile Response
- Outcasts of Society—poor, tax collectors, women, Gentiles
- The Temple
- Rejection of Jesus by Israel--Luke 2:34; 11:49-51; 13:7-9, 28, 33-35; 14:16-24; 19:41-44
- Response to the Gospel— “repent, turn, conversion, believe, faith”
- Prayer
- Joy
- The Word of God—108x

Purpose

Gentile Christians from the Pauline mission trips could know with certainty that the Word taught to them was absolutely true.

- Major question: “How Jewish does a Gentile have to be to be truly a Christian?”

LUKE

ACTS

1:1-4	Preface	1:1-2
1:5-4:13	Preparation by the Spirit	1:3-2:13
4:14-30	Ministry opened by a Sermon stressing fulfillment and rejection	2:14-40
4:31-8:56	Ministry emphasizing theme of fulfillments and conflict	2:41-12:24
5:17-26	Lame man healed	3:1-10
5:29-6:11	Conflicts with Religious leaders	4:1-8:3
7:1-10	Centurions Request for a Visit	10:1-48
7:11-17	Widow and Resurrection	9:36-43
7:36-50	Criticism by Pharisees	11:1-18
9:1-50	Messengers Sent Out	12:25-19:20

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ACTS

9:51-19:28	Last Journey to Jerusalem	19:21-21:17
19:29-23:56	Events in Jerusalem and Consequences	21:17-28:16
19:37	Good reception	20:17-20
19:45-48	Temple entrance	21:26
20:27-39	Sadducees and the Resurrection	23:6-9
22:19	Taking and Blessing Bread	27:35
22:54	Seizure by Mob	21:30
22:63-64	Slapping at High Priest's Command	23:2
22-23	Four Trials: three proclamations of innocence	23-26
24:1-53	Conclusion: Ministry ends on the positive note of fulfillment of Scripture	28:17-31

Luke (AD 58 - 60) Historical/Theological Themes

- Classical Greek Language
- Parables of Jesus unique to Luke
- Angels
- Redemptive Mission of Christ (22:37; 24:27, 44, 46)
- Secular history (1:5; 2:1-2; 3:1; 13:1)
- Unique Travel Description Section—9:51-19:27
- Jesus' ministry to women and children
- Inclusion of Gentiles in God's plan (2:29-32; 13:22-30)

Key Passages

- Luke 2:29-32
- Luke 13:22-30

Purpose

Jesus was/is the Lord and Savior in accordance with the plan of God.

“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”
(Luke 2:11)

Interpretive Issue

Luke 17:21

- Kingdom of God *within you?* (NAS)
 - Kingdom of God is a spiritual vs. physical reality
- Kingdom of God in your midst (ESV)
 - Kingdom is present because you are talking to the King