An Outline of Luke

The Prologue (1:1-4)

1. **The New Age and the Messiah** (1:5-2:40)

   a. The Dawn [1:5-2:40] (6 Prophecies – 3 by angels and 3 by people)

   - To Zachariah (1:8-20)
   - To Mary (1:26-38)
   - To the shepherds (2:14)

   By Zachariah (1:67-79)

   - By Simeon (2:25-32)
   - By Anna (2:41-38)

   b. The Witness [2:41-4:30] (6 witnesses to the Lord Jesus)

   - Himself (2:8-9)
   - John (3:15-16)
   - The Father (3:21-22)
   - The devil (4:3)
   - The Scriptures (4:18-21)
   - The prophets (4:24-27)

2. **The Messiah and His Mission** [4:31-9.50]

   a. His authority [4:31-6:11] (6 signs of power)

   - Drives out a demon (4:31-36)
   - Heals Peter's mother-in-law (4:38-39)
   - Healings and deliverance (4:40-41)
   - The man with leprosy (5:12-16)
   - The paralytic (5:17-26)
   - The man with the shrivelled hand (6:6-8)

   b. His Mission [6:12-7:50] (Its nature revealed by 6 episodes/incidents)

   - Choosing the apostles (6:12-16)
   - The sermon (6:17-49)
   - The Centurion's Servant (7:1-10)
   - The widow's son (7:11-17)
   - John's disciples (7:18-28)
   - Anointed by a sinful woman (7:36-50)

   c. His Proclamation [8:1-8:56] (6 lessons to begin to disciple the disciples)

   - The Sower (8:4-15)
   - Society (8:19-21)
   - Storm (8:22-25)
   - Satan (8:26-39)
   - Sickness (8:42-48)
   - Sleep (of death) (8:49-56)

d. The Confirmation of His Messiahship [9:1-50]

(The Feeding of the 5000 related to Isaiah's Messianic Feast in the Wilderness (9:10-17) and in the Transfiguration the Father confirms and affirms the Lord Jesus (9:28-36). This is followed by 6 stories or statements of discipleship.)

- Take up your cross and follow the Lord Jesus. (9:23-27)
- Who is the greatest? Those who receive little children. (9:46-48)
- Anyone not against us is for us. (9:49-50)
- The cost of following the Lord Jesus (9:57-58)
- The cost of following God's priorities (9:59-60)
- The cost of giving up making family greatest priority (9:61-62)

3. **The Messiah and His Message** [9:51-19:44]
   - **a.** Revealing the Kingdom (9:51-10:42)
   - **b.** The Power of the Kingdom (11:1-12:34)
   - **c.** The Judgement of the Kingdom (12:35-13:25)
   - **d.** The Entrance of the King (13:22-16:13)
   - **e.** The Coming of the King (16:14-18:14)
   - **f.** The Rejected King (18:15-19:44)

4. **The Messiah and the New Age Accomplished** [19:45-24:55]
   - **a.** The Messiah and the destruction of the **old temple** (19:45-21:28)
   - **b.** The Messiah and the destruction of **His temple** (21:1-23:56)
   - **c.** The Messiah and the glorification of **His temple** (24:1-24:53)

Some of the emphases in Luke's Gospel

1. The Temple

At the start	**At the finish**
a) Zachariah in the temple (1:5-23)	The cleansing of the temple by the Lord Jesus (19:45-46)
b) The Lord Jesus presented (2:22-24)	The Lord Jesus teaching in the temple (19:47-48; 20:1-47)
c) Simeon's prophecy (2:25-38)	The destruction (the end of the age) (20:1-47)
d) Questions by the Lord Jesus as a 12-year old (2:41-51)	The disciples daily in the temple praising God (24:43)
	At the end

2. Prayer

- **Six examples:** 3:21; 5:16; 6:12; 9:18; 9:29; 11:1
- **Four recorded prayers:** 10:2; 22:42; 23:34; 23:46
- **Two parables on prayer:** 11:5-8 and 18:1-8
- **One prayer seminar!** The Lord's Prayer 11:24

If the Lord Jesus needed to pray, how much more do we?

3. Women

In Luke's Gospel about ⅓ of His relationships were with women. He mentions them 43 times. Mark and Luke's Gospels combined mention them 49 times. Here are some examples:

Mary (chapters 1 and 2)

Elizabeth (1:39-45 and 56-57)

Anna (2:36-38)

Women as disciples (8:1-3)

Women in Jerusalem (23:27-28)

Women at the Resurrection (24:1-11)

The Lord Jesus was anointed by a "sinful woman" (7:36-38)

[This emphasis is also found in John's Gospel: the woman at the well (4:1-26); Mary and Martha (11:1-44); the woman taken in adultery (8:1-11) and the anointing of the Lord Jesus by Mary (12:3).]

4. Things unique to Luke's Gospel – i.e. not mentioned in the other Gospels

- The **birth** of John the Baptist (1:5-15, 57-80)
- The birth and **childhood** of the Lord Jesus (1:26-56; 2:1-52)
- The genealogy back to Adam (3:23-38)
- Preaching at Nazareth (4:16-30)
- The special call of **Peter** (5:8-10)
- Six Miracles (5:1-11 – 7:11-17 – 13:10-17 – 14:1-6 – 17:11-19 – 22:49-51)
- Nineteen Parables
- Zacchaeus (19:1-10)
- The mocking of the Lord Jesus by Herod (28:8-12)
- The Emmaus Road event (24:13-35)
- New characters in the life of the Lord Jesus – not mentioned elsewhere:
  - ✓ Zachariah and Elizabeth (Luke 1)
  - ✓ Simeon (Luke 2)
  - ✓ Anna (Luke 2)
  - ✓ Cleopas (Luke 24)

  Luke's special section is Luke 9:51-19:44.

5. **There are four "poems" in Luke** (sometimes sung)

   Luke 1:46-55 – often called **The Magnificat** by Anglicans

   Luke 1:67-79 – **The Benedictus**

   Luke 2:4 – the **Gloria in Excelsis**

   Luke 2:28-32 – **The Nunc Dimittis**

6. The Poor (These examples are all exclusive to Luke)

   7:41-43 – 11:5-8 – 12:13-21 – 15:8-10 – 16:1-13 – 16:19-31 – 18:1-8

7. Children

a. **Child Development** (remember Luke was a doctor)

- Conception (1:35)
- Foetal activity (1:42)
- Birth (2:7)
- As a baby (2.52)
- As a child (2:27)
- Puberty (2:42)
- Stature (2:52)
- Maturity (3:25)

b. The Childhood of the Lord Jesus (Mark doesn't mention it)

c. Three times the Lord Jesus does a miracle on an **only child** – 7:12 – 8:42 – 9:38.

d. The Lord Jesus used children as examples of the Kingdom of God (9:46-48)

e. The Lord Jesus instructs the disciples not to send them away.

8. Gentiles in the ministry of the Lord Jesus mentioned in Luke's Gospel

- **Obed** the son of Boaz. Ruth married Boaz and she was a Moabitess and so was an ancestress of the Lord Jesus. (3:22)
- **Salmon**: his mother was the mother of Rehab a Canaanite woman who hid Joshua's spies in Jericho. (3:22)
- **Naaman** – the Syrian General healed in the River Jordan (4:25)
- **The widow of Zarephath** (in what is now South Lebanon) (4:26)
- All Nations (24:47)
- Luke's second book (Acts) focuses on Paul's **mission to the Gentiles**.
- Luke himself was a Gentile!

9. The Training of the 12 disciples as a model for us to train disciples

- **The Call to Discipleship**: ***"Follow Him"***. (5:10-11)
- **The Call to Apostleship**: ***"Designated as apostles"*** (6:12-13)
- **The Call to Apprenticeship**: ***"With Him"*** (8:1)
  (Mark 3:14, ***"He appointed the 12 to be with Him."***)
- **A Call to Partnership/Teamwork**: ***"Sent them out … two-by-two."*** (9:1 and 10:10)
- **A Call to Martyrdom**: ***"Preaching His name to all nations … You are witnesses."*** (24:47-49)

10. The Holy Spirit in the writings of Luke

- The lifestyle of the Lord Jesus was, ***"Full of the Holy Spirit"*** (Luke 4:1)
- His healing and supernatural ministry was by the Holy Spirit (Luke 4:18)
- The Lord Jesus was sent forth by the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38)
- The Lord Jesus gave commands and instructions through the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:2)
- The anointing of the Lord Jesus "to do good" came from the Holy Spirit. (Acts 10:38)
- The Lord Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit. (10:21)

In the writings of Matthew

- The Lord Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit (Mt. 1:8)
- He was led by the Holy Spirit (Mt. 4:1)
- His preaching was empowered by the Holy Spirit. (Mt. 12:28)
- His ministry of deliverance from demons was by the Holy Spirit. (Mt. 12:2)

In the writings of Mark

The Lord Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:10)

In the writings of John

- The Lord Jesus "personalised" the Holy Spirit (John 7:10)
- He incarnated the Holy Spirit or modelled the Holy Spirit. (John 14:16)