

Gospel of Luke
God will Intervene in Human Need
Luke 1

I. Introduction – 1:1-4

1. Luke is the author
 - A companion of Paul – Col. 4:14
 - Noted there as the beloved physician
 - Perhaps a Gentile convert – Col. 4:11-14
 - Joined Paul's team in Troas – Acts 16:10-11
 - Note the change in personal pronoun
2. Written to Theophilus – 1:3
 - Compare Acts 1:1-2
 - The name indicates that he is Greek
 - "Most excellent" may refer to some position
3. Purpose in writing – 1:1-4
 - Provide confirmation for facts about Jesus
 - Compare also purpose in Acts 1:1-2
 - Luke's facts came from eyewitnesses 1:1-2
 - Luke provides reasons to believe
4. Preview of the Gospel
 - Greeks were looking for the perfect man
 - Luke presents Jesus as "The Son of Man"
 - Note the genealogy goes back to Adam - 3:38
 - Luke's O.T. quotes are from Greek Septuagint
 - Brief summary of the message – Lk. 19:10
 - Son of Man is come to seek & to save that which
 - was lost
 - God intervened to restore lost humans

II. Preparing for Intervention – 1:5-38

1. Announcement to Zacharias – 1:5-22
 - As he ministered in the Temple
 - Angel of the Lord appeared with a message
 - Zacharias & Elizabeth would have a son,- 13
 - His name would be John
 - He would prepare the way for Jesus – 14-17
 - This would require a miracle – 18
 - They were old and had no children
 - Sign given, he could not speak until the birth
2. Elizabeth conceived – 23-25
 - The miracle became a reality
3. Announcement to Mary – 26-38
 - Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary – 26-27
 - Promised Messiah will come through her - 28-33
 - Mary questions this possibility – 34
 - Angel tells her it will be of God – 35-37
 - Elizabeth is a sign of what God can do
 - Mary submits to God's will - 38

III. Celebration of Intervention – 39-80

1. Elizabeth & John celebrate – 39-45
 - Mary went to visit cousin Elizabeth – 39-40
 - Unborn baby John leaps in praise to God – 41
 - Elizabeth, in the Spirit, praises God – 42-45

2. Mary gives glory to God – 46-56
 - Recognizes God is intervening as promised
 - Mary returns home after 3 month visit – 56
3. Birth of John restores speech – 57-66
 - John is born & his name is questioned – 57-63
 - Zacharias confirms John's name & speaks– 64-66
4. Zacharias praises God – 67-79
 - Holy Spirit speaks through Zacharias – 67
 - God is visiting to redeem His people – 68-79
 - Fulfilling His promise to David – 69
 - Fulfilling the promises of the prophets – 70
 - Save His people from their enemies – 71
 - Show mercy to those under His covenant – 72-75
 - Using John to prepare the way as promised – 76-79
 - He will proclaim God's salvation in Messiah – 76-78
 - He will bring light to those in darkness - 79
5. John matures & begins his ministry – 80
 - His ministry begins in the desert