

Route 66: The Gospel According to Luke

I. Prologue-1:1-4

A. Reason for writing – Theophilus

II. Jesus is the Son of the Most High God.

A. John was great, but he was of the old covenant era – 7:24-28.

B. Jesus is greater than John the Baptist.

a. Announcements:

1). John's birth is announced (1:5-25):

a). He will be great and cause many to rejoice (1:14-15).

2). Jesus' birth is announced (1:26-38):

a). He will be greater (1:32-33).

b. Births Recorded:

1). John's birth is recorded (1:57-80):

a). John would be called the prophet of the most High God (1:76-80).

2). Jesus' birth recorded (2:1-40):

a). Jesus would be the Son of the most High God (1:32).

1). Jesus was the salvation of Jews and Gentiles (2:25-35).

(a). Jews:

(1). Jesus' birth announced in Davidic language- 1:32-33.

(2). Mary's Magnificat – 1:54-55

(b). Gentiles:

(1). The Centurion's faith – 7:1-10

(2). The Good Samaritan – 10:25-37

(3). The Samaritan leper – 17:11-19

(4). The Time of the Gentiles – 21:20-24

c. The Baptisms:

1). John baptized with water for repentance of sins (3:1-14).

2). Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire (3:15-17).

a). Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit (1:35)

b). Jesus was empowered by the Holy Spirit (3:22; 4:14).

c). Jesus promised the Holy Spirit (11:13; 24:49).

C. Jesus was the Son of Joseph, Son of Abraham, Son of Adam, Son of God (3:23-38).

III. Jesus is the Christ of God.

A. Jesus' ministry evidenced that He was the Christ (7:18-23).

1. This is exactly what Jesus declared when He began His ministry (4:14-21).

2. Jesus had the authority to forgive sins:

a. The Paralytic (5:17-26)

b. The Woman who cleansed and kissed Jesus' feet at the table (7:36-50).

3. Jesus had authority over nature-He calmed the winds (8:22-25).
 4. Jesus had authority over demons (8:26-33).
- B. Peter's confession identified Jesus as the Christ (9:18-22).

IV. Jesus' death and resurrection vindicated Him and accomplished our salvation (24:25-27).

- A. The Jews rejected Jesus as their Christ:
1. Jesus laments Jerusalem's rejection – 13:31-35.
 2. Jesus weeps over Jerusalem – 19:41-44.
 3. The Jewish leaders sought to kill Jesus – 22:2.

V. Jesus calls sinners to repent and follow Him.

- A. Jesus came to call sinners, not the righteous (5:32).
1. There is more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over 99 righteous ones who need to repentance (15:7, 10).
- B. Jesus calls all to repentance – Luke 13:1-5
- C. True repentance is evidenced by a change of heart – Luke 19:1-10.

VI. Those who follow Christ must be willing to forsake all and take the gospel to the nations.

- A. The cost of discipleship:
1. Take up your cross daily – 9:23-26
 2. Forsake all – 9:57-61
 3. Family divisions – 12:49-53
 4. Forsake wealth – 18:18-30
- B. Take the gospel to the nations in the power of the Holy Spirit:
1. 24:44-49

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