

# VIA EMMAUS: A CHRIST-CENTERED WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE

## Luke: The Messiah Must Go To Mount Zion (35)

### INTRODUCTION

<b>Comparison</b>	The Gospel of Fulfillment (Matthew); The Gospel of Action (Mark); The Gospel of the Divine Son (John); The Gospel of the Holy Spirit (Acts)
<b>Luke</b>	Not an eyewitness ( <b>1:2</b> ); Careful historian-theologian; Gentile doctor by trade ( <b>Col 4:11</b> ) Mid-60's – <i>Acts ends</i> (AD 62); <i>Nero's persecution</i> (AD 65), <i>Paul's death</i> (AD 65-67) “We” sections of Acts inform us about Luke ( <b>Acts 16:10-17; 20:5-21:18; 27:1-8:10</b> ) Paul's associate – <i>Paul's Gospel</i> (cf. <b>Col 4:14; 2 Tim 4:11; Phil 24</b> )
<b>Luke-Acts</b>	Should be read together – <i>Two Purpose Statements</i> ( <b>Luke 1:1-4; Acts 1:1-3</b> ) (1) Certainty about the facts (2) Clarification of Israel and the Church (3) Faith Similar Themes – <i>Kingdom of God, Rich &amp; Poor, Holy Spirit, Prayer, Use of Isaiah</i>
<b>Distinctives</b>	The Longest Gospel with the greatest number of parables Meal Discourses ( <b>7:36-50; 11:37-52; 14:1-24; 22:1-38; 24:36-49</b> ) Use of “ <i>must</i> ” ( <b>2:49; 4:43; 9:22; 24:7, 26, 44-47</b> ) → Moves Jesus to Jerusalem ( <b>13:33</b> )

### OUTLINE

**Prologue & Infancy Narratives (1:5-2:52)** – *Elizabeth, Zechariah, John; Mary, Joseph, Jesus*

**Preparation for the Ministry of Jesus (3:1-4:15)** – *John the Baptist, Baptism, Genealogy, Temptation*

**Ministry of Jesus in Galilee (4:16-9:50)**

Announcement (**4:16-18**) – preaching (prophet); cleansing (priest); disciple-making (king)

Controversy (**5:17-6:11**) – *Paralytic, Eating with sinners, Fasting, Sabbath Healing*

Instruction (**6:12-49; 8:1-21**) – *Calls the Twelve, teaches in parables*

Authority (**8:22-56**) – *Calms the storm, Heals demon-possessed man, woman, Jairus daughter*

Identification (**7:1-50; 9:1-50**) – *Everyone guesses at who Jesus is*

**The Journey to Jerusalem (9:51-19:27)** – *3 mentions of movement to Jerusalem (9:51; 13:22; 17:11)*

Jesus continues his ministry of preaching, cleansing, and disciple-making

Luke records many unique parables in this section

**The Final Days of Ministry in Jerusalem (19:28-21:38)**

**JESUS...** *enters Jerusalem (19:28-40), weeps over Jerusalem (19:41-44), cleanses the Temple (19:45-48), is challenged by Jerusalem leaders (20:1-47), foretells the Temple's destruction and the coming of the Son of Man (21:1-38)*

**The Suffering and Death of Jesus (22:1-23:56)**

**JESUS...** *celebrates the Passover & institutes the Lord's Supper (22:1-23), encounters opposition within the 12 and without (22:1-6, 24-38), is arrested while praying in Gethsemane (22:47-62), is denied, mocked, tried and delivered over to execution (22:54-23:25), is crucified, dead, and buried (23:26-56)*

**The Resurrection of Jesus (24:1-53)** – *Resurrection, The Road to Emmaus, Upper Room, Ascension*

## THEMES

### (1) THE HOLY SPIRIT

**Jewish Believers (1:15, 41, 65; 2:25-27)** – Elizabeth, Zechariah, John, Simeon filled with HS  
**Jesus** – conceived by the HS (1:15), anointed by the HS (3:22; 4:18), would baptize with the HS (3:16), led by the Holy Spirit (4:1), empowered by the Holy Spirit (4:14; cf. Acts 10:38), rejoiced in the Holy Spirit (10:21)

**The Ministry of the Holy Spirit** – given as a gift to those who ask (11:13); will instruct Jesus followers what to say (13:11), is the promise of the Father, sent by the Son, for the purpose of empowering the saints for service (24:49)

### (2) KINGDOM DISCIPLESHIP

#### a. Kingdom Prosperity

**The Danger of Riches:** *The Beatitudes & Woes (6:20-26); The third soil ensnares God's word with the riches of this world (8:14); The parable of the rich fool (12:13-21); God and money (16:10-13); The rich man and Lazarus (16:19-31); Jesus warning to the Rich Ruler (18:18-30) -- Be Rich in Good Works (cp. 18:22 + 1 Tim 6:17-19)*

**The Possibilities of Generosity:** *Provide yourself with moneybags that don't grow old (12:33-34); The parable of the unrighteous steward (16:1-9); Widow's Offering (21:1-4)*

#### b. Kingdom Prayer (26x; cf. 16x in Matthew, 12x in Mark, 1x in John)

**Jesus prayed at this baptism (3:21); would frequently depart to pray (5:16; 6:12; 22:39); ministry was always conducted with prayer: selection of the 12 (6:12), prayer prompted Peter's confession (9:18), before Jesus transfiguration (9:28-29), surrounding Peter's denial (22:32), in the Garden of Gethsemane as he faced the cross (22:39-46; cf. John 17)**

**People of God are seen praying: multitude outside the temple (1:10); Zechariah (1:13); Anna (2:37); Jesus instructed his disciples about prayer (6:28; 10:2; 11:1-13; 18:1-8; 21:36); two kinds of prayer (18:9-14); house of God to be a place of prayer (Luke 19:46)**

#### c. Kingdom Parables

10 parables in Mark are all found in Matthew and Luke – *argument for Markan priority*  
10 Matthean parables are not found elsewhere; 17 Lukan parables are not found elsewhere  
16/17 are found in **Luke 10-19** – They explain the salvation of the kingdom (1:31-32, 46-56)

### (3) JERUSALEM (Luke-Acts 88x: 30x in Luke; 12x in Matthew; 11x in Mark; 13x in Mark)

<b>Birth / Child</b>	Presented at the Temple (2:22, 25, 38); traveled to Zion every year (2:41ff)
<b>Temptation</b>	Temptation includes 'Jerusalem' (4:9; not in Matthew)
<b>Transfiguration</b>	Transfiguration includes 'Jerusalem' (9:31; not in Matthew)
<b>Parables</b>	<i>Good Samaritan (10:30); Ten Minas (19:11)</i>
<b>Crucifixion</b>	Set his face towards Jerusalem (9:51), followed by a steady movement to Zion 1 <sup>st</sup> prediction insinuates, 3 <sup>rd</sup> explicitly mentions it (9: 21-22, 43-45; 18:31) Three times Luke emphasizes a 'Jerusalem trajectory' (9:51; 13:22ff; 17:11)
<b>Reversal</b>	Judgment on Israel (13:28) + Salvation to the Nations (13:19) in Jerusalem Cultural Baggage (9:53) or Cultural Blessing (13:14)
<b>Warnings</b>	<i>Triumphal entry (19:28); weeping for Jerusalem (19:41-48), destruction (21:20ff)</i>
<b>Resurrection</b>	<i>Conversation on the Emmaus Road (24:13, 18, 33); gospel begins here (24:44-47)</i>
<b>Ascension</b>	<i>Disciples instructed to remain in Jerusalem until HS comes (24:50-52; cf. Acts 1)</i>