

Luke 1-12

Turn in your Bible to Luke...and I sure hope you have a Bible this morning...because we are going to walk through Luke 1-12.

1. The reason we are doing this is because in December of 2019, we began a study of Luke
2. We took a break from that study back in September when we made it to the half way point (Luke 12)
3. Since it has been several months, I want us to do flyover view of what we have already seen to remind us and get us up to speed so that we can get into chapter 13 next Sunday.
4. So, this morning, lets look at Luke 1-12. We will break it into 3 major sections.

I. Breaking into Humanity

By the time we get to Luke 1, God hadn't spoken to Israel in more than 400 years. But now, the silence is broken with the turning point of history: God becomes man.

1. **His Birth** **2:4-7**
2. **His Boyhood** **2:40**
 - a. As a 12-year-old boy, Jesus had amazed the Jewish teachers of the Law in the Jerusalem temple
 - b. After failing to join his parents when they left Jerusalem he reunited with them and submitted to them **2:52**
3. **His Baptism** **3:21-22**
 - a. Jesus is baptized by his cousin John, who's miraculous birth preceded his
 - b. At Jesus' baptism, all three persons of the Trinity are present: God the Father speaks, God the Holy Spirit descends like a dove, and God the Son is baptized.
4. **His Battle** **4:1-2a**
 - a. Like Adam in the garden of Eden and Israel in the wilderness Jesus is tested by the devil.
 - b. But unlike Adam and Israel who had previously given in to temptation, Jesus defeats Satan by standing on the Word of God.

II. Beginning Public Ministry

God has broken into humanity with a miraculous birth, a unique boyhood, an amazing baptism, and a critical battle. He then begins his official ministry by doing 5 things.

1. **Revealing Himself** **4:16-21**
2. **Calling His Disciples** **5:11, 27-28**
 - a. When He calls them, they leave everything to follow him.
 - b. Have you been called to follow Him?
 - c. If so, have you released your grip on everything...place it in His hands at his disposal?
 - d. If so, where is he at...and are you headed there?

3. Proclaiming Blessings and Woes

- a. After a night of prayer, Jesus calls His twelve apostles
- b. And quickly begins to preach his upside down messages to the people
- c. 6:20-26

4. Unexpected Responses

- a. Those whom we'd least expect it—including a Roman centurion, despised tax collectors, and even well known sinful women —respond rightly to Jesus.
- b. Meanwhile, those whom we expect to be lovers of God—the Pharisees and experts in Jewish Law—reject God's plan.
- c. 7:47

5. Expecting Fruit

- a. 8:11-15
- b. Jesus demands a fruitful response. Are you bearing fruit?

So from Luke 1-8 we are reminded:

1. God has broken into humanity with a miraculous birth, a unique boyhood, an amazing baptism, and a critical battle.
2. He launched his ministry by revealing Himself in the synagogue, calling some unprofessional men to follow Him, by preaching upside down messages that draw unexpected responses.
3. His standards are high...much fruit.

III. Bringing New Methods

1. Preaching

- a. He sends out His disciples to preach 9:1-6
- b. He sows the seeds of the gospel message and the cost of following Him 9:21-27
- c. He sows gospel seeds again, in case we missed it the first time 9:44
- d. Sends out 72 more to preach. 10:1

2. Parables

- a. In chapter 10 Jesus tells one of his most well known parables
- b. The parable of the good samaritan.
- c. Don't miss the point 10:25-29

3. Praying 11:1

- a. It shouldn't be a surprise that Jesus followers ask Him to teach them to pray
- b. They had seen His life characterized by prayer
- c. 3:21, 5:16, 6:12, 9:18, 9:28, 10:2, 11:1

4. Promises and Warnings 12:35-37a

We have covered in one sermon what it took us 9 months to cover last year...not exactly, but I hope it has jogged your memory as to what we have seen in Luke 1-12. There is a single theme...the good news of Jesus Christ has come and is meant to be spread.

1. Do you know Him? GOSPEL
2. Are you involved in spreading this news?
 - a. Praying
 - b. Giving
 - c. Going
 - d. Sending