

The Many Purposes of the Gospel of Luke

1. To Record God's Faithfulness to His Prophetic _____

2. To Establish the Availability of Abundant _____ for Jesus

1:1-4 Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us, ² just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word delivered them to us, ³ it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write to you an orderly account, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed.

3. To Preserve the Historical Account of Jesus's Earthly _____

4. To Record the Details of the Coming of the _____

1:13-17 But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. ¹⁴ "And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. ¹⁵ "For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. ¹⁶ "And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. ¹⁷ "He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,' and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

5. To Record the Details of the Earthly _____ of Jesus

1:26-35 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" ²⁹ But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. ³⁰ Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. ³² "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. ³³ "And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" ³⁵ And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God."

- a. *God's Selection of Mary to Bear God's Son*
- b. *Mary's Virginity and Miraculous Conception*
- c. *Mary's Acceptance of the Role (1:38)*
- d. *Mary's Genealogy*

6. To Record the Detailed _____ of Jesus

- a. *The requirement to go to Bethlehem*
- b. *The announcement by angels to the shepherds*
- c. *The keeping of the law by Joseph & Mary*

7. To Present Jesus as the Son of _____

- a. *By His genealogy to Adam*
- b. *By His birth by a human mother*
- c. *By His own reference to Himself (at least 25x)*

5:24; 6:5; 7:34; 9:22, 26, 44, 56, 58; 11:30; 12:8,10,40;
17:22,24,26,30; 18:8,31; 19:10; 21:27,36; 22:22,48,69; 24:7

8. To Record the Ministry and _____ of Jesus

9. To Record the _____ of Jesus

10. To Record the _____ Jesus Had of His Followers

9:23-24 Then He said to *them* all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. ²⁴ "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it."

11. To Record the Selection and Training of the _____

6:13-16 ¹³ And when it was day, He called His disciples to *Himself*, and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles:

12. To Present Jesus as the _____ of Mankind

2:11 "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

19:10 "for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

13. To Teach About Jesus' _____ and Resurrection

9:22 saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day."

14. To Lay the Foundation for the _____

24:46-49 Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, ⁴⁷ "and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ "And you are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

15. To Show the Enthusiastic Affirmation of a _____ Believer

Col 4:10-14 Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, with Mark the cousin of Barnabas (about whom you received instructions: if he comes to you, welcome him), ¹¹ and Jesus who is called Justus. These [are my] only fellow workers for the kingdom of God who are of the circumcision; they have proved to be a comfort to me....¹⁴ Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you.