

## Bible Training Institute

To proactively accelerate the spiritual growth of Grace Bible Church for the purpose of knowing God more intimately and becoming more effective servants of God in the world

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## Luke/Acts & Luke

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## Introduction

- Luke/Acts—Relationship between Luke and Acts
  - Volume 1 and 2 of one work (Acts 1:1)
  - Luke written before Acts (58-63 for both)
  - Same recipient: Theophilus
  - Same purpose—Luke 1:4
- Author— Luke, ministry companion of Paul
- Reader— Theophilus--“Lover of God”-- “Most excellent” = Roman provincial governor

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### Historical/Theological Themes

- Sovereign Plan and Purpose of God
  - “It is necessary” motif—e.g., Luke 2:49
  - Determination of God—e.g., Acts 2:23
  - Appointment of God—e.g., Acts 22:14
  - Fulfillment of Scripture
- Savior/Salvation
- Power of God
- Jesus, the Lord—210x
- Death/Resurrection/Ascension of Jesus
- Holy Spirit

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### Historical/Theological Themes

- Gentiles and Gentile Response
- Outcasts of Society—poor, tax collectors, women, Gentiles
- The Temple
- Rejection of Jesus by Israel—Luke 2:34; 11:49-51; 13:7-9, 28, 33-35; 14:16-24; 19:41-44
- Response to the Gospel—“repent, turn, conversion, believe, faith”
- Prayer
- Joy
- The Word of God—108x

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### Purpose

Gentile Christians from the Pauline mission trips could know with certainty that the Word taught to them was absolutely true.

- Major question: “How Jewish does a Gentile have to be to be truly a Christian?”

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| LUKE      |   | ACTS        |
|-----------|---|-------------|
| 1:1-4     | Preface   | 1:1-2       |
| 1:5-4:13  | Preparation by the Spirit                                       | 1:3-2:13    |
| 4:14-30   | Ministry opened by a Sermon stressing fulfillment and rejection | 2:14-40     |
| 4:31-8:56 | Ministry emphasizing theme of fulfillments and conflict         | 2:41-12:24  |
| 5:17-26   | Lame man healed   | 3:1-10      |
| 5:29-6:11 | Conflicts with Religious leaders                                | 4:1-8:3     |
| 7:1-10    | Centurions Request for a Visit                                  | 10:1-48     |
| 7:11-17   | Widow and Resurrection  | 9:36-43     |
| 7:36-50   | Criticism by Pharisees  | 11:1-18     |
| 9:1-50    | Messengers Sent Out   | 12:25-19:20 |

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| LUKE        |  | ACTS        |
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| 9:51-19:28  | Last Journey to Jerusalem  | 19:21-21:17 |
| 19:29-23:56 | Events in Jerusalem and Consequences                                       | 21:17-28:16 |
| 19:37       | Good reception   | 20:17-20    |
| 19:45-48    | Temple entrance  | 21:26       |
| 20:27-39    | Sadducees and the Resurrection   | 23:6-9      |
| 22:19       | Taking and Blessing Bread  | 27:35       |
| 22:54       | Seizure by Mob   | 21:30       |
| 22:63-64    | Slapping at High Priest's Command  | 23:2        |
| 22-23       | Four Trials: three proclamations of innocence                              | 23-26       |
| 24:1-53     | Conclusion: Ministry ends on the positive note of fulfillment of Scripture | 28:17-31    |

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| LUKE (AD 58 - 60) Historical/Theological Themes  |  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classical Greek Language</li> <li>• Parables of Jesus unique to Luke</li> <li>• Angels</li> <li>• Redemptive Mission of Christ (22:37; 24:27, 44, 46)</li> <li>• Secular history (1:5; 2:1-2; 3:1; 13:1)</li> <li>• Unique Travel Description Section—9:51-19:27</li> <li>• Jesus' ministry to women and children</li> <li>• Inclusion of Gentiles in God's plan (2:29-32; 13:22-30)</li> </ul> |  |

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## Key Passages

- Luke 2:29-32
- Luke 13:22-30

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## Purpose

Jesus was/is the Lord and Savior in accordance with the plan of God.

“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”  
(Luke 2:11)

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## Interpretive Issue

Luke 17:21

- Kingdom of God *within you?* (NAS)
  - Kingdom of God is a spiritual vs. physical reality
- Kingdom of God in your midst (ESV)
  - Kingdom is present because you are talking to the King

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