

A Gospel of Luke Outline

An Outline of Luke’s Gospel
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This is just a working outline constructed to help me begin to relate the gospel to the book of Acts.

(It would be really nice to have Luke sit down with us and describe what his outline looked like).

Outlines are a great way to think about what is being taught and to structure your understanding of an author’s writing.

1:1-4	Purpose	Purpose of Book		
1:5-25	The Coming of a King	Prophecies	John the Baptist’s birth foretold	
1:26-38			Jesus birth foretold	
1:39-45			Elizabeth’s prophecy	
1:46-56			Mary’s prophecy	
1:57-66			John’s birth	
1:67-80			Zechariah’s prophecy	
2:1-20		Jesus’ birth		
2:21-25		Jesus taken to the temple for circumcision		
2:26-35		Simeon’s prophecy		
2:36-38		Anna’s prophecy		
2:39-52		Preparation	Jesus’ wisdom in youth	
3:1-9			John’s message – call to repentance	
3:10-14	John’s teaching about repentance for the well to do, tax collectors and soldiers			
3:15-18	John points to Jesus			
3:19-20	John speaks against Herod and is arrested			
3:21-22	Jesus is announced by God; Holy Spirit descends like a dove			
3:23-38	Jesus’ parentage			
4:1-13	Jesus tested in the desert			
4:14-21	And so it begins	Declaration of Jesus appointment and purpose (Isaiah)		
4:22-30		Jesus challenges the local perception of him and reveals their unbelief		
4:31-37	Communication of Authority	Authority	Authority over Evil Spirits	
4:38-44			Power over Sickness	
5:1-11			Power over fish in the sea	
5:12-16			Power over leprosy	
5:18-26			Power over paralysis & Power to forgive sins	
5:27-32			Power to forgive, but requires recognition of sinfulness	
5:33-39		Power to forgive, but requires overcoming tradition		
6:1-11		Authority over the Sabbath: ex: eating, healing		
6:12-16		Authority exercised to appoint apostles		
6:17-26		Spiritual Teaching	Basic Spiritual Instruction	
6:27-36			Heart obedience to God	
6:37-45	Teaching Discernment			
6:46-49	Responses to teaching			
7:1-11	Auth.	Authority of Jesus understood by the Centurion		
7:11-17			Power over death	
7:18-35	The Message	Recognizing the message and messenger: John and Jesus compared		
7:36-50		Recognizing the message and messenger: Pharisees vs. Sinful Woman; love & forgiveness		
8:1-15		Response to the message		
8:16-18		Proclaiming the message		
8:19-21		Relationship to the messenger based on response to the message		
8:22-25	Authority	Demonstration of Authority	Power over Nature	
8:26-39			Power to transform people – what a transformed person does	
8:40-48			Power of individual faith	
8:49-56			Power over death #2	
9:1-9			Authority to delegate Power: first commission with instructions (the 12)	
9:10-17		Power to provide food		
9:18-22		Greatest Authority	Declaration of Jesus as the Christ, the King, by disciples; 1st warning of what must happen	
9:23-27			The cost of submission to the Christ’s authority	
9:28-36			Authority over Moses & Elijah; Declaration of Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, by God	
9:37-45			Authority greater than disciples; 2nd Warning of what was coming	
9:46-50	Proper attitude toward Jesus’ Authority			
9:51-56	Authority to rebuke – Authority is not for self-satisfaction			
9:57-62	The cost of submission to the Christ’s authority #2			
10:1-24	Authority to delegate Power #2: second commission with instructions (the 72)			
10:25-37	Spiritual Teachings	Priorities / Spirituality	Love	
10:38-42			Listening to God	
11:1-13			Prayer	
11:14-28			Spiritual thinking and righteous living (obedience)	
11:29-32			Discernment 1 – recognizing wisdom & truth	
11:33-36			Discernment 2 – self assessment	
11:37-54		Discerning hypocrisy		
12:1-3		Choices: Spiritual vs. Worldly	Honesty & integrity	
12:4-7			Fear	
12:8-10			Loyalty	
12:11-12	Trust			

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12:13-21	Spiritual Teachings	Choices: Spiritual vs. Worldly	Greed
12:22-31			Worry
12:32-34			Real Treasure
12:35-40			Watchfulness/Readiness
12:41-48			Reward & Judgment reside with the Master
12:49-53		The message will divide	
12:54-59		Spirit: Aware- ness	Understanding and recognizing things spiritually
13:1-9			All are guilty; God is patient, but there is a limit to his patience; repent
13:10-17			Life (spiritual health) over tradition
13:18-21	Teachings about the Kingdom	The Kingdom of God	It grows/spreads by nature; will become very large
13:22-30			The way is narrow and many will not try but not be able to enter
13:31-35			3rd Warning of what is coming
14:1-14			At a banquet: Issues of pride, humility and reward
14:15-24			God will fill his kingdom, but the guests must value the invitation
14:25-35			Entering requires serious decision
15:1-10			Seeing & valuing the lost; God's desire to save, one soul at a time
15:11-31			God's desire to save both sinner and believer, Gentile & Jew
16:1-15			Be shrewd in how you use what you've been given; you will be judged
16:16-18			God's proclaimed purpose cannot be thwarted
16:19-31			Must be chosen in this life
17:1-10	Attitudes & choices: avoid sin, deal with sin, grow in faith, be humble		
17:11-19	Attitudes: gratitude		
17:20-37	Spiritual nature of the kingdom in a world of sin; 4th Warning of what is coming		
18:1-8	Right Attitudes	Right before God	Perseverance in prayer
18:9-17			Humility before God
18:18-30			Nothing can be of greater value than your relationship with God
18:31-34		5th Warning of what is coming	
18:35-43		Eager to change	Blind man wouldn't be quieted
19:1-10	Zaccheus climbed a tree; hosted Jesus, repented eagerly		
19:11-27	Ten Minas: Rewards for trying & achieving; penalty for holding back		
19:28-44	Jesus King in Jerusalem	Jerusalem	Reception for the King
19:45-48			Enforcing the Law
20:1-8			Jesus Authority questioned; Religious leaders hypocrisy revealed
20:9-19			Falsehood of the tenants & their punishment revealed
20:20-26			Rightly discerning worldly and spiritual responsibilities; Jesus superior in wisdom
20:27-40			Importance of understanding the scriptures
20:41-44			Challenging listeners to think deeply about the scriptures
20:45-47			Revealing ungodly motives/hypocrisy in the teachers
21:1-4			Revealing godly motives
21:5-38	King and Prophet: prophecies of Jerusalem because it failed to recognize the king		
22:1-6	Jesus King in His death, burial and resurrection	Prep for the ordeal and betrayal	Judas becomes a traitor
22:7-13			Prophecy and fulfillment for the Passover
22:14-23			Passover Meal 6th Warning of what is coming
22:24-30			True leadership and Jesus confers the kingdom on the 11
22:31-38			Peter to strengthen the brothers when he comes back
22:39-46			Prayer of submission; disciples are failing
22:47-53		Jesus betrayed and arrested; heals the servants ear	
22:54-62		Peter's denials	
22:63-71		Sanhedrin convicts Jesus	
23:1-7		Pilate questions Jesus	
23:8-12		Herod questions Jesus	
23:13-25	Crucifixion	Pilate tries to release Jesus, but the crowd forces him to crucify	
23:26-31		Walk to the cross and warnings of what is to come	
23:32-39		Mocking of Jesus while on the cross	
23:40-43		Penitent criminal: remember me when you come into your kingdom	
23:44-49		Jesus death and the signs accompanying it; faith of the centurion	
23:50-56	Joseph receives the body and buries Jesus; the women go to prepare spices		
24:1-12	Resurrection and Ascension	First reports of resurrection	
24:13-35		Jesus conversation with the disciples on the Road to Emmaus – 2 nd report of resurr.	
24:36-43		Jesus appears to the disciples and demonstrates his resurrection – 3 rd report	
24:44-49		Opens their minds to the word; gives them their commission to go and preach	
24:50-53		Jesus ascension and the beginning of waiting for power from God.	