They spread the Word about what they had seen and heard



Will you spread the Word of Jesus?

A series of bible readings for Lent from Luke's Gospel



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Introduction

Welcome to the gospel of Luke, our church reading and study for Lent 2023.

In this booklet you will find a daily reading to enable you to consider the whole gospel, taking you on a journey from the birth of Christ to Easter and the Resurrection beyond.

The cover picture features a winged ox. This is an ancient symbol used to represent Luke. It emphasises the priestly and sacrificial work of Jesus, as the ox in the Old Testament was sacrificed in the temple for the forgiveness for sins by the priests. The wings show us that the gospel, the good news, of Jesus was to travel across the world bringing salvation for all who would follow Christ.

Luke was an evangelist who, inspired by God and the Holy Spirit, used his pen rather than his voice to ensure that the message of the church was spread and handed down to following generations.

Luke, the only Gentile writer in the bible, was thought to be a doctor who was born in Antioch in Syria. Antioch was the first place where followers of Jesus were called 'Christians'. His writing pays attention to historical and geographical details that resulted from his own interviews of eye witnesses and investigation into the accounts of others. He explains this in his own introduction to the book in chapter 1:1-4. Luke was not an apostle with Jesus but he travelled with the Apostle Paul and his writings, a result of his investigative research, are authenticated in detail by other

writers of the time and have been supported by archaeological finds.

There is a clear structure to the gospel of Luke:

The Birth Story 1:4 to 4:13
Galilean Ministry 4:14 to 9:50
The Journey to Jerusalem 9:51 to 19:44
The Last Days 19:45 to 23:56
The Resurrection 24.

Luke was interested in people. As you read, you may like to consider the different groups of people he shows an interest in and highlights. These include the Samaritans, Gentiles, outcasts, women, the poor and sinners. It is a humanitarian gospel.

The words on the front cover, 'They spread the word about what they had seen and heard', are pointing to the shepherds in Luke 2:17 who were the first to ever hear the good news about Jesus. The challenge for us today is how do we use the gospel in our own culture? Jesus says in 24:48 'you are witnesses of these things', our challenge then is, will we spread the word this Lent and beyond by sharing with all we meet the message of salvation through Jesus?

May you be inspired and hear the Holy Spirit speaking to you as you as read, in the knowledge that, as a church family, we are reading the Word of God together during Lent, seeking more of Him who created us.

Every Blessing
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To help you hear from God as you read, the following is offered as a guide. As you prepare to read:

Pray - ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding about something in the bible verses.

Scripture - read the Scripture for the day from your Bible - perhaps two or three times slowly.

Observation - Think about what is being said: What one thing strikes you or surprises you? What does the passage tell us about God, his people and/or life? Are there promises, commands or warnings?

Application - Is there anything that speaks to your situation today? Is there anything you can see that perhaps you haven't seen before? Is there anything that the passage is teaching you or that you need to work on in your life at the moment?

Pray again, about what you have read. Ask the Lord to help you if there is something you want to change as a result of your reading.

Write down or draw or somehow capture your thoughts in a notebook/journal so you can remind yourself of the things you learn through Lent. There are also blank pages for notes at the end of this booklet.

Why not try to attend our zoom house group during Lent to discuss any questions, or meet with someone for coffee to chat about the scriptures you are reading.

Wednesday February 22nd	Luke 1:1-25
Thursday February 23rd	Luke 1:26-45
Friday February 24th	Luke 1:46-66
Saturday February 25th	Luke 1:67-80

Sunday February 26th	Luke 2:1-20
Monday February 27th	Luke 2:21-40
Tuesday February 28th	Luke 2:41-52
Wednesday March 1st	Luke 3:1-20

Centre your study on these verses today, but feel free also to read the genealogy in verses 21-38.

Thursday March 2nd	Luke 4:1-30
Friday March 3rd	Luke 4: 31-44
Saturday March 4th	Luke 5:1-16

Sunday March 5th	Luke 5:16-39
Monday March 6th	Luke 6:1-26
Tuesday March 7th	Luke 6:27-49
Wednesday March 8th	Luke 7:1-23
Thursday March 9th	Luke 7:24-50
Friday March 10th	Luke 8:1-25
Saturday March 11th	Luke 8:26-56

Sunday March 12th	Luke 9:1-27
Monday March 13th	Luke 9:28-50
Tuesday March 14th	Luke 9:51-62
Wednesday March 15th	Luke 10:1-24
Thursday March 16th	Luke 10:25-42
Friday March 17th	Luke 11:1-28
Saturday March 18th	Luke 11:29-54

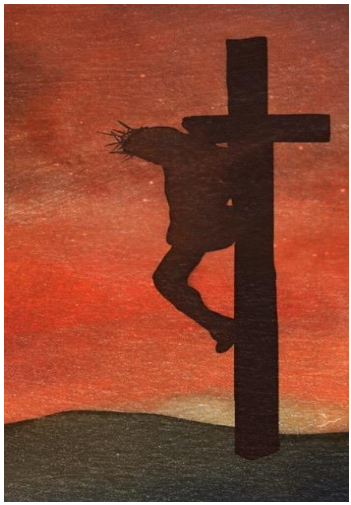
Sunday March 19th	Luke 12:1-34
Monday March 20th	Luke 12:35-59
Tuesday March 21st	Luke 13:1-21
Wednesday March 22nd	Luke 13:22-35
Thursday March 23rd	Luke 14:1-23
Friday March 24th	Luke 14:25-35, 15:1-7
Saturday March 25th	Luke 15:8-32

Sunday March 26th	Luke 16:1-31
Monday March 27th	Luke 17:1-37
Tuesday March 28th	Luke 18:1-30
Wednesday March 29th	Luke 18:31-43, 19:1-10
Thursday March 30th	Luke 19:11-48
Friday March 31st	Luke 20:1-47
Saturday April 1st	Luke 21:1-38

Holy Week Readings

Sunday April 2nd Palm Sunday	Luke 22:1-23
Holy Monday April 3rd	Luke 22:24-38
Holy Tuesday April 4th	Luke 22:39-53
Holy Wednesday April 5th	Luke 22:54-71
Maundy Thursday April 6th	Luke 23:1-25
Good Friday April 7th	Luke 23:26-46
Holy Saturday April 8th	Luke 23:47-56
Easter Sunday April 9th	Luke 24:1-53

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