

40 Stories from Luke Every Christian Should Know

During year C in the Revised Common Lectionary, the Gospel readings on Sunday are drawn largely from the Gospel of Luke.

Luke's Gospel is the first part of a two part story of Jesus and the early Church, the second part is the Acts of the Apostles. Luke's Gospel was written primarily for the gentiles who were beginning to become Christians.

These forty stories capture the core of the Gospel.

The first part of the Gospel is about the fulfillment of God's promise of the Messiah.

- 1. Gabriel Announces the birth of John the Baptist (Luke 1:5-25)
- 2. Annunciation of the birth of Jesus (Luke 1:26-38)
- 3. Meeting of Elizabeth & Mary (Luke 1:39-56)
- 4. Birth of John the Baptist (Luke 1:57-80)
- 5. Birth of Jesus (Luke 2:1-21)

We then get two stories of Jesus in the temple in Jerusalem

- 6. Presentation (Luke 2:22-40)
- 7. Jesus in the temple at age 12 (Luke 2:41-52)

The next section of the Gospel is Jesus preparing for his ministry.

- 8. Ministry of John the Baptist & the baptism of Jesus (Luke 3:1-22)
- 9. Temptation in the Wilderness (Luke 4:1-13)

The next section in the ministry of Jesus in Galilee.

- 10. Jesus in the Synagogue at Nazareth (Luke 4:16-30)
- 11. Healings (Luke 4:38-41)
- 12. Call of the first disciples (Luke 5:1-11)
- 13. Healing of the paralytic (Luke 5:17-26)
- 14. Eating with tax collectors (Luke 5:27-32)
- 15. Debates about the Sabbath (Luke 6:1-11)

Jesus now teaches his disciples before sending them out

- 16. Sermon on the level place (Luke 6:17-49)
- 17. Raising the widow's son (Luke 7:11-17)
- 18. Jesus & John the Baptist (Luke 7:18-35)
- 19. Parable of the Sower (Luke 8:4-18)
- 20. Four wonders (Luke 8:22-56)
- 21. Sending the twelve (Luke 9:1-6)

The next session of the Gospel contains predictions of the Passion

- 22. Feeding the multitude (Luke 9:10-17)
- 23. Peter's Confession (Luke 9:18-22)
- 24. Transfiguration (Luke 9:28-36)

Jesus now begins the journey to Jerusalem

- 25. Sending out of the seventy (Luke 10:1-12)
- 26. Jesus and the lawyer (Luke 10:25-37)
- 27. Jesus, Mary & Martha (Luke 10:38-42)
- 28. Teachings on Prayer (Luke 11:1-13)
- 29. Parables of the Kingdom (Luke 13:18-21)
- 30. Three parables of joy (Luke 15:1-32)
- 31. Parable of the rich man & Lazarus (Luke 16:14-31)
- 32. Story of Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)

Jesus has now reached Jerusalem

- 33. Entry (Luke 19:29-40)
- 34. Jesus in the temple (Luke 19:45-48)
- 35. Parable of the tenants (Luke 20:9-19)
- 36. Preparation for Passover (Luke 22:7-13)
- 37. Lord's Supper (Luke 22:14-20)
- 38. Arrest & Trials (Luke 22:47-23:35)
- 39. Crucifixion (Luke 23:26-32)
- 40. Resurrection (Luke 24:1-53)