

7th Grade New Testament (Gospels)

Introduction to Luke**Themes for the gospel of Luke:**

1. _____
Luke uses the word “salvation” more than any other gospel
2. _____
 - a. He relates Jesus’ genealogy to Adam (not Abraham)
 - b. It is the only gospel to set a historical context by mentioning secular rulers
 - c. It shows tat Jesus was innocent under Roman law, specifically
3. _____
Luke begins his gospel in Jerusalem in the temple and concludes the gospel with the disciples returning to the temple on Jerusalem
4. _____
 - a. Luke focuses on _____
(for example: Elizabeth, Zechariah, Zaccheus, Simeon, Annanias)
 - b. Luke focuses on _____
(for example: Good Samaritan, Jesus eating with tax collectors and sinners)
 - c. Luke focuses on the importance of _____
(for example: he is the only one to mention the sinful woman at the dinner party, the woman washing Jesus’ feet, that women financially supported the disciples, etc.)
5. _____
Jesus is shown to be praying or teaching on prayer throughout his ministry and at crucial points in his life
6. _____
Luke includes the presence and work of the Holy Spirit more than any other writer
7. _____
In Luke’s gospel, Jesus seems to be constantly sitting down to eat and share table fellowship (especially with those that don’t deserve it, according to Jewish law and tradition)

Date:

Early to mid _____ CE. We know this because there is a favorable attitude toward the _____ (this relationship would deteriorate after the destruction of the temple by the Romans in 70 CE). We also know this because of the relationship between

Luke and the book of _____ (the 2 were meant to be 2 volumes of the same work) which ends with Paul's imprisonment in Rome (around the early 60s CE).

Provenance and Audience:**Purpose:**

Luke 1:3-4: "it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught."

Authorship:

What do we know about Luke?

1. He was a _____. In fact, he was the only _____ to write a book in the NT.
2. Came from _____?
3. He was Greek and quoted from the _____ translation of the OT
4. He adopts a _____ practice in dedicating his book to a _____ (Theophilus)
5. Being a _____, he was highly _____. It is easy to see this in his writing because it is so rich with vocabulary and demonstrates his writing skill.
6. He was knowledgeable about other cultures because he had _____ extensively. He understood the structure of Roman government very well.
7. His spiritual hero and mentor was _____. It is under _____ apostolic authority that he writes Luke and Acts.