

# March

## Luke

**Mar. 1** – Luke 1:1-80 Why did Luke write this gospel? Where did he get his information? Note the appearances of Gabriel in these verses. What are the purposes of angels? Note also the frequent mention of the Holy Spirit. Is Mary “highly favored” today? (adoration by the Roman Catholics? “knee-jerk” reaction by the Lutheran Catholics?) Note the focus on the women by Luke!

**Mar. 2** – Luke 2:1- 3:20 Jesus’ Childhood – Where did Luke get this information? How does this compare to Matthew, Mark and John? What is the importance of Simeon and Anna? Already at age 12, what is Jesus reminding His parents? (2:49) How does John compare with Jesus?

**Mar. 3** – Luke 3:21- 4:13 Jesus’ Baptism / Temptation - Why was Jesus baptized? What is the importance of Luke’s genealogy? Note the significance of the Holy Spirit in these verses. How did Jesus overcome the temptations of the devil? How can we overcome all temptations? As we read through Luke, keep in mind other “opportune times” (4:13)

**Mar. 4** – Luke 4:14-44 Jesus in Galilee - Why did Jesus move from place to place so often? Why was it so hard for the people in Jesus’ day to believe that He was the promised Messiah? Is this also true today? What is the importance of Jesus’ driving out evil spirits, healing diseases and preaching of the Kingdom of God? (see also 4:18-21)

**Mar. 5** – Luke 5:1-39 Fisherman - If you were calling disciples, would you go to the Sea of Galilee? Wasn’t Jerusalem the place for teaching and learning? (Jesus’ at age 12) Why did Jesus do the miracle of the large catch of fish? (v.10-11) What are the teachings about “faith” in the stories of the leper and the paralytic? (v.12-26) Why did Jesus have so many conflicts with the Pharisees and Teachers of the Law?

**Mar. 6** – Luke 6:1-49 The 12 and Teachings - What are Jesus’ teachings about the Sabbath? Note, v. 12, Jesus prayed before choosing His 12 disciples. As you read Luke, watch for someone “big” to happen every time that Jesus prays! Disciples are interested in being taught by their teacher – what does Jesus teach in these verses?

**Mar. 7** – Luke 7:1-50 Jesus in Capernaum - Again, what lesson about “faith” is being taught through this Centurion? Through raising the Widow’s son? What was the answer Jesus gave to John’s disciples when they asked if Jesus was the Messiah? What answer can we / must we give to people today who need to know Jesus as their Lord? Compare the sinful woman and Simon the Pharisee (v.36-50) How was this just the opposite of what we might have expected? How is this such Good News?

**Mar. 8** – Luke 8:1-21 Jesus, back in Galilee - Why did Jesus teach in parables? Note Jesus’ word to His disciples (and to us): v.18 “consider carefully how you listen.” How can we do this as we read through this Gospel according to Luke?

**Mar. 9** – Luke 8:22- 9:9 Third Time in Galilee How could Jesus sleep through such a storm in a boat? What is the answer to “where is your faith”? How does the story of the demon-possessed man also answer the question, “Where is your faith”; especially in the response of the man and the people of the region? Also, “where is your faith” in the two stories of the sick woman and Jairus? And in the sending out of the Twelve?

**Mar. 10** – Luke 9:10-50 Outside of Galilee (Bethsaida – North of Sea of Galilee) Note from v.13 what Jesus wanted to teach His disciples (especially following what we read in v.1-9) Along these same lines, what was Jesus teaching His disciples by the question He asked (v.18) and in the teaching He gave them (v.23-27)? Why did Jesus only take Peter, John and James with Him on the Mt. of Transfiguration? Why Moses and Elijah (rather than Abraham or Noah or David, or one of the many others)? Note the double confusion in the healing of the evil-possessed boy (v.37-45) Don’t miss the connection of “greatness of God” in v.43-45 and the argument of the disciples in v.46-50.

**Mar. 11** – Luke 9:51- 10:24 Samaria to Judea What 2 important reminders does Luke give us in v.51? What had James and John JUST experienced (v.28f) and what did they suggest? (v.54) How could they even think such a thing? Note the theme of “following Jesus” in the “volunteers” (9:57-62) and in the “72 appointed” by Jesus (10:1-24). What does it mean to “follow Jesus”? (see especially v.18-20) What did the disciples “see” and “hear” that caused them to be blessed more than prophets and kings? (v.23-24) What have we “seen and heard”?

**Mar. 12** – Luke 10:25-42 Good Samaritan / Mary & Martha How do these two stories relate to each other? (see v.25 and v.42 – the “bookends”)

**Mar. 13** – Luke 11-12 Teachings and Parables Why must we be taught to pray? What promise does Jesus give to us when we pray? (v.9-13) How does God’s kingdom come in v.14-28? (note the contrasting situations – one antagonist and the other praising Jesus’ mother – but both used by Jesus for important teachings.) What is “the sign of Jonah”? What kind of “house guest” was Jesus? (11:37-54) With so many (“thousands” 12:1) – why is Jesus speaking to His disciples rather than to the crowds? (See also 12:41 and 12:54)

**Mar. 14** – Luke 13:1-35 More Parables of Jesus Rather than what happens in this life, what is Jesus teaching that is most important? (v.1-9) What hypocrisy still goes on in the church today that Jesus teaches us about in v.10-17? Again, Jesus teaches about the kingdom of God – what do we learn? (v.18-30) Again, with “Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done” – what do we learn in v.31-35?

**Mar. 15** – Luke 14:1-34 “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” Review 11:53-54 for the context of these verses. Why did the Pharisees “refuse to hear”? (v.1-14 and v.15-24) What is the “cost” of being a disciple? Who is able to pay such a cost? What is the ONLY way for anyone to be a disciple? What does Jesus teach using the example of “salt” in v.34-35?

**Mar. 16** – Luke 15 – Lost and Found - Who was lost and who was found? Why the three parables? Why did the father have two sons in the parable? What is the “heavenly meaning” of these parables?

**Mar. 17** – Luke 16 – Riches and Lazarus - How was the manager “shrewd”? Was this good or bad? Why did Jesus tell this parable? (see v.14-15) What is the meaning of The Rich Man and Lazarus? See v.17 with v.29. What is the definite warning in v.31?

**Mar. 18** – Luke 17 – Teachings and Lepers – Why did the disciples cry out “Lord, increase our faith!” When do we cry out the same? How does this compare with the lepers? Where is the Kingdom of God? What were “the days of Noah”? “the days of Lot”? Why does Jesus talk about vultures?

**Mar. 19** – Luke 18 – Many Individuals – What does Jesus teach about prayer? about righteousness? about the Kingdom of God? about eternal life? Why did Jesus tell His disciples about His coming death? What is the irony between the disciples and the blind man?

**Mar. 20** – Luke 19:1-10 – Zacchaeus – Why did Jesus go to Jericho? Note: “passing through” v.1 and “reached the spot” v.5. Note the key verse in v.10.

**Mar. 21** – Luke 19:11-27 – Minas – Who does Jesus direct this parable to? How is Jesus talking about Himself and the way His people treated Him? What lesson did He want to teach those who heard this?

**Mar. 22** – Luke 19:28-48 – Palm Sunday – Why would anyone loan their colt? What did it mean when they threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it? Why did the Pharisees want Jesus to rebuke His disciples? Do stones “cry out”? What was Jesus saying? What do we learn about the Temple? About the reaction of the people?

**Mar. 23** – Luke 20 – The Jewish Leaders - Why did Jesus answer their question with His question? How DID He answer their question? (v.9-19) Why didn’t the people arrest Jesus on the spot? Why pay taxes? Why no marriage in heaven? What is the answer to Jesus’ question in v.44?

**Mar. 24** – Luke 21 – Teachings on Mt. Olivet - How was it that the poor widow gave more than all the others? What does this say to us today? What does Jesus teach us about the end of time, and what we can expect? What is Jesus doing and where does He spend these last days of His earthly life? Why is this important?

**Mar. 25** – Luke 22:1-38 - Last Supper – Why did Judas agree to betray Jesus? The Passover was a family meal. With whom did Jesus spend His last Passover Supper? How did this meal change everything about the OT Passover meal? What confusion and unrest was going on among the disciples? What did Jesus warn when Peter made his brash promise? Why did Peter make this promise? What was “written about Jesus” that was about to be fulfilled? (v.37)

**Mar. 26** – Luke 22:39-46 - Gethsemane - (Read again 21:37 – for Jesus on the Mt. of Olives) What does Luke the physician include in this Gospel that is not in the other synoptic Gospels? How would prayer have helped the disciples? Luke tells us about angels – (v.43 – also Lk. 1 – twice; Lk. 2)

**Mar. 27** – Luke 22:47-65 – The Arrest – Compare the confidence and control of Jesus in the garden with the chaos of the who came to arrest Jesus as well as Jesus’ disciples! How was it that Jesus said, “This is your hour – when darkness reigns”? (v.53) Why did Peter follow those who led Jesus away? Ironically, who threatened Peter? How did Peter react when Jesus looked directly at Peter? Why?

**Mar. 28** – Luke 22:66- 23:25 – The Trial – Note in these verses: “Son of Man”, “Son of God”, “I Am” – why didn’t the people believe these truths? How were these false charges against Jesus? (23:2) Why was Jesus sent to Herod? How did Pilate declare Jesus’ innocence, 3 times? Yet, why did Pilate “surrender Jesus to their will” (v.25)?

**Mar. 29** – Luke 23:26-56 - The Crucifixion - Jesus, having been beaten severely, going out to be crucified, speaks to women! What is His message? What was Jesus’ first words from the cross? Why are these very surprising words? (or maybe they aren’t surprising?) How was the written notice above Jesus very accurate? What did Pilate mean by it? What is the truth? How is the repentant thief a great comfort for us today? From noon – 3 PM “the sun stopped shining”! How was the temple curtain torn from top to bottom? Why did this happen at this time? Why is it important that Luke tells us the women followed Joseph of Arimathea, where he buried Jesus? What is the connection with the Sabbath rest and Jesus’ “rest” in the tomb? How does this change how we view the “Sabbath”?

**Mar. 30** Luke 24:1-12—Resurrection – Why read of the resurrection at Christmas time? Note what they expected to find / didn’t expect to find... What was the reprimand of the angels? Was it justified? When are times when we are frightened and confused because we forget God’s Word to us?

**Mar. 31** Luke 24:13-53—Appearances - Why didn’t the disciples recognize Jesus? How well known were the events in Jerusalem that weekend? How are we “foolish and slow at heart”? Don’t you wish that Jesus’ words were written down for us - “beginning with Moses and the prophets, He explained to them what was said in the Scriptures concerning Himself”? How long did it take Jesus to recall all the prophecies? And they STILL didn’t “get it” until “their eyes were opened” and the “breaking of the bread”! Open our eyes, Lord so we may see and hear Your Word!