

KYB Study: Gospel of Luke (Part 3)

Purpose of This Worksheet

This worksheet is designed to support your study of Luke (Part 3). It will help you engage carefully with the biblical text, understand key historical and theological themes, and reflect personally on who Jesus is and what it means to trust him. Use it individually or in a group setting. Take time to read Scripture slowly and prayerfully before answering the questions.

Key Historical and Background Information

Luke was writing into a world shaped by Roman occupation and deep expectation. God's people were longing for rescue, often expecting a political Messiah who would overthrow Rome. Luke presents Jesus not as a political revolutionary, but as God's promised King whose kingdom is unlike any human kingdom.

Luke was a careful historian. He investigated eyewitness accounts, organised his material deliberately, and wrote an orderly account so that believers could have certainty about what they had been taught (Luke 1:1–4). As a doctor and travelling companion of the apostle Paul, Luke was trained to observe closely and communicate clearly. His gospel is written for a wide audience, including both Jews and Gentiles.

Almost one-third of Luke's gospel contains material found nowhere else in Scripture. Luke highlights Jesus' care for women, the poor, outsiders, and those on the margins. He wants readers to understand that faith in Jesus is grounded in real events in real history.

Where This Study Fits in Luke

Luke (Part 3) brings us to the final stage of Jesus' earthly life and ministry. Opposition from religious leaders intensifies, and Jesus' teaching becomes increasingly focused on what lies ahead. This section culminates in Jesus' death and resurrection—the central events of the Christian faith.

If Parts 1 and 2 asked us to listen to Jesus and learn from Jesus, Part 3 challenges us to trust Jesus.

Key Biblical Study Opportunities

As you work through Luke (Part 3), pay particular attention to:

- Jesus' final teachings and interactions before the cross
- The responses of religious leaders, disciples, and ordinary people
- Fulfilled prophecy and repeated references to God's promises
- The way Luke slows down the narrative around Jesus' death and resurrection
- How Jesus speaks about the kingdom of God and what it means to belong to it

Study Tip:

Read each passage more than once. First, read for understanding. Then read again, asking: What does this show me about Jesus? What does this reveal about God's kingdom?

Key Scripture Passages to Explore

Use these passages as anchor points during your study:

- Luke 1:1–4 – Why Luke wrote his gospel
- Luke 18:31–33 – Jesus predicts his death and resurrection
- Luke 19:35–38 – Jesus' entry into Jerusalem
- Luke 23 – Jesus' crucifixion
- Luke 24 – The resurrection of Jesus

Observation Questions (What Do You See?)

1. What details does Luke include that emphasise the historical reality of Jesus' death and resurrection?
2. How do different groups respond to Jesus in these chapters (disciples, religious leaders, crowds, individuals)?
3. What repeated themes or ideas stand out as you read through Luke's account of Jesus' final days?

Interpretation Questions (What Does It Mean?)

1. Why do you think Luke takes such care to record eyewitness detail, especially in the resurrection account?
2. How does Luke's portrayal of Jesus challenge common expectations of power, leadership, and kingship?
3. What does Luke teach about God's faithfulness to his promises through these events?

Reflection Questions (What Does This Mean for Me?)

1. If Luke's gospel presses us to trust Jesus, what does trust look like in your life right now?
2. Are there areas where you find it difficult to trust a King who rules through suffering and sacrifice?
3. How does the reality of Jesus' resurrection shape your hope for the future?

Responding to Jesus

Luke invites us not only to learn about Jesus, but to respond to him.

Personal Reflection:

What is one truth about Jesus from this study that you need to hold onto more firmly?

Prayer Response:

Write a short prayer asking God to help you trust Jesus more deeply.

Key Truths to Remember

- The Gospel of Luke is grounded in historical truth.
- God keeps his promises.
- Jesus is the promised Messiah and King.
- God's kingdom is open to all who receive it in faith.
- The death and resurrection of Jesus are central to Christian hope.