

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

The Inclusiveness of this Gospel

Addressed to a Greek

¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to **all the people** Luke 2:10 (RSV)

" a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel." Luke 2:32

The Gospel of Mary

1:26-38 The Annunciation

1:39-56 The Visitation

1:46-55 The Magnificat

The Gospel of Forgiveness

Forgiving of Sinful Woman 7:36-50

The parable of the Merciful Father 15:11-32

The parable of the Pharisee and Tax-collector 18:9-14

The blind man on the road near Jericho 18:35-43

And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." Luke 23:34

The Good Thief And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And [Jesus] said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise." Luke 23:42-43 (RSV)

The Gospel of the Holy Spirit

³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, "How shall this be, since I have no husband?" ³⁵ And the angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. Luke 1:34-35 (RSV)

⁴¹ And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and **Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit** ⁴² and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! Luke 1:41-42 (RSV)

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and **the Holy Spirit was upon him.** ²⁶ And it **had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit** that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷ And **inspired by the Spirit** he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, ²⁸ he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹ "Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; Luke 2:25-29

¹ And Jesus, **full of the Holy Spirit**, returned from the Jordan, and was **led by the Spirit** ² for forty days in the wilderness, tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing in those days; and when they were ended, he was hungry. Luke 4:1-2 (RSV)

16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up; and he went to the synagogue, as his custom was, on the sabbath day. And he stood up to read; **17** and there was given to him the book of the prophet Isaiah. He opened the book and found the place where it was written,

18 "**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me**, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, **19** to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

20 And he closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. **21** And he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." Luke 4:16-21

"If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the **Holy Spirit** to those who ask him!" Luke 11:13 (compare Luke 11:11-13 with Matthew 7:9-11)

21 In that same hour **he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit** and said, "I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes; yea, Father, for such was thy gracious will. Luke 10:21 (RSV)

The Gospel of Women

13:10-17 Healing of woman bent over [only healing of Jesus referred to as 'freedom']

15:3-10 The Woman and the Lost Coin

7:36-50 Forgiving of Sinful Woman

Stories in Jesus' life Unique to Saint Luke

The Account of the Ten Lepers (17:11-19)

The raising of the son of the widow of Nain (7:11-17)

The conversion of Zacchaeus (19:1-10)

Parables Unique to Saint Luke

The parable of the Prodigal Son 15

The parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus (16:19-31) [Lazarus is the only person Jesus named in a parable

The parable of The Rich Fool 12:13-21

Lazarus means 'whom God helps']

The parable the Good Samaritan (10:25-37)

PRAYER holds a special distinctive & dominant place in Saint Luke's Gospel

Prayer is the central focus of three parables unique to Luke's Gospel:

the Friend at Midnight (11:5-8), the Persistent Widow (18:1-8) and the Pharisee and Tax-collector (18:9-14).

Also in key moments in Christ's own life (for example 5:16; 6:12; 9:18, 28).

The Jesus Prayer

Luke 18: 9-14

Luke 18:35-43

COST OF DISCIPLESHIP [Take up your Cross and Follow Me]

Luke 9:23 (daily)

Luke 14:27

Road to Emaus

Luke 24