

The Forerunner And The Fulfillment - Part 1

Luke 1

Introduction To Luke

- The Author - The **Physician** Luke (Philemon 24; Colossians 4:14)
- Uniqueness of Luke
 - Historical notes
 - Focus on women, children, the poor and needy.
 - Longest Gospel
 - 42% is not found in other Gospels
 - Only Gospel with a sequel
 - Special emphasis on Gentiles
- Why 4 Gospels -
- The Purpose (Luke 1:1-4)
 - Luke lays out Jesus' mission and the mission of Jesus' followers.
 - God's plan
 - What is a disciple?
 - How a disciple proclaims Jesus
- To provide evidence for faith by detailing the promises of God and His actions of fulfillment in Jesus.

Question - When God makes a **promise** - what is your response?

3 Responses:

- Zechariah - I can't believe it because I've never **seen** it.
- Mary - It is hard to believe but I will **yield**.
- Zechariah again - after God's gentle chastening - I will **obey**.

Not everything is easy when you respond with trust but there are blessings.

Trust God. Yield to Him. If you fail, it's not over. Start again.

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Reading and Study Guide

Bible Reading

- Read Luke 1

Or

- If you want to listen to it you can visit our Facebook page or our Vimeo page - NewStoryKC

Personal Study

- As you read through Luke 1, pay attention to the four topics below and write notes about each.

1. Jesus is better than John
2. God is moving to save
3. God used temporary discipline to teach us to trust and believe His word.
4. God can do great things for his cause and can use anyone or anything to accomplish it.

What About Jesus?

Chapter 1 contains two songs (Mary's and Zechariah's). Both songs sing praise to God because of what He is now doing through Jesus.

- What does Mary have to say about Jesus and He is going to accomplish?
- What does Zechariah have to say about Jesus and what He is going to accomplish?
- John was sent to point to Jesus. How can you point others toward Jesus this week?