

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

11-19-2023 // WEEK 46 NOTES

Matthew 27 - Luke 11

This past week you finished the gospel of **Matthew**. Remember, as Matthew's focus was on the Jews in his gospel, and Mark's was on the Romans, Luke's gospel (that you just started this week as well), was to the Greeks.

Matthew's gospel ended with **Jesus's End Times predictions (Matthew 24)** which help all of us see the unfolding drama of the End Times. **Matthew 25** is stressing End Times parables (ten virgins and talents). **Matthew 26 and 27** is the story of **Jesus's arrest and crucifixion**. And **Matthew 28** the story of Jesus's **Resurrection and the Great Commission (v 16 - 20)**, telling us that Jesus wanted his gospel taken throughout the world.

Luke is a physician and, according to **chapter 1**, had a gift in careful compilation of Jesus's message. As a Greek and physician, he had a heart for people and was someone who loved the human body. The designation of Jesus as the "Son of Man" is found mostly in Luke. That is purposeful, to show that **Jesus is fully human along with being fully God**.

Luke's companion literally, and with writing the gospel, was undoubtedly Paul. It is from where his apostolic authority for this gospel comes. Luke's gospel is connected to Acts. As Luke ends with **chapter 24**, it continues with **Acts**. You see in the book of Acts that Luke accompanied Paul on his missionary journeys. Unquestionably, Luke received much of his info in the gospel from Paul and the other apostles who told Paul these stories as well.

Luke must have had both **Mark and Matthew's gospels** in front of him. The "synopsis" of similar stories in all three suggest such.

Luke Chapters 1 - 3: The birth narrative of Jesus, is unique to Luke. As you read these stories, especially during Christmas, you wonder if Luke didn't interview Mary himself as a part of the gospel. There is so

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much here that is special and comes directly from Mary's lips. It can't be coincidental.

Chapter 4: This is the temptation story, similar to Matthew's.

Chapters 5 and 6: Chapter 5 is the call of the disciples and chapter 6 the Beatitudes. Luke's beatitudes are different from Matthew's. Can you see them? Matthew's seems to be more spiritual, while Luke's are more material.

The rest of the stories in **chapters 7-10** are similar to Mark and Matthew. But the great theme continues: **Jesus has authority over all the world. It's his kingdom.** He gave his disciples authority to pray in faith and see demonic exorcisms and physical healings. Using the faith he has given us is important. "Your" faith is often the key for God's mighty hand to work. And to follow Jesus means to give up all. It's not a second vocation. It is our life's call.

Read and enjoy.

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