

Part 5: Introduction to the Gospel According to Luke

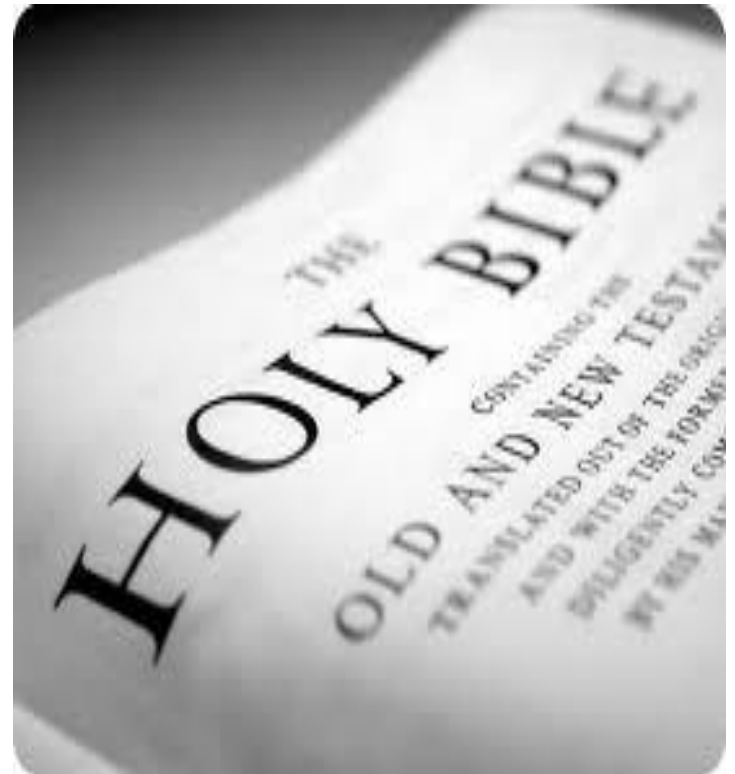
Learning Outcomes:

Profile important aspects of Luke's Gospel including the events it covers, the place and time of its composition, its likely author, its intended audience, its historical context, and its purpose.



Church Teachings

- The author of Luke's Gospel proclaim the truth about Hehu Karaiti in distinct ways, depending on the sources, the situation and the community the author was writing for.



Introduction

- Luke's Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles together tell the story of Jesus Christ and the beginnings of Christianity.
- Luke's Gospel was written in Greek, 40-50 years after Jesus' resurrection.
- Luke teaches that the Good News of Jesus Christ and the aroha of God are intended for all.
- Luke's Gospel was formed over many years similar to other Gospels.

Luke's Audience and Message

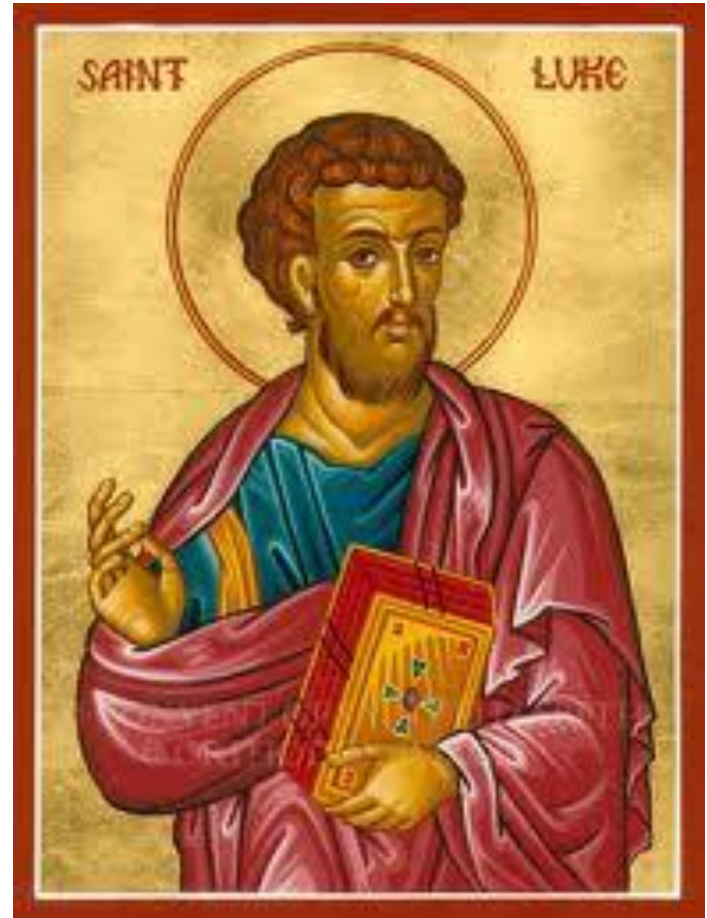
- Write a profile of the Gospel According to Luke that groups the information under the following headings.....(student textbook pg 15)
- The events it covers
- The places and time of its composition
- Its likely author
- Its intended audience
- Its historical background
- Its purpose
- Share your writing with a friend, give constructive feedback

Writing Exemplars

- Its intended audience (sub-heading)
- The Gospel According to Luke intended audience is believed to be recent converts -Gentile Christians (refer to glossary for definition of Gentile). People who spoke Greek and were keen to learn more about Jesus. Luke's audience probably ventured from more wealthy cities, were well educated, intelligent and were curious about this great man Jesus. (written response)

Formation of the Gospels

- The Gospel According to Luke, like other gospels, developed in three broad stages over a period of at least 40-50 years.
- Using the student textbook pg 16 design a diagram to present the three stages.
- Share your diagram with a friend.



The Synoptic Gospels

- **Synoptic** is a Greek word meaning ‘overview’
- When the gospels go **Matthew**, **Mark** and **Luke** are placed together side-by-side they are
- Very similar in content and style.
- Experts believe that **Matthew** and **Luke’s** gospels are based on **Mark** (which is written first).
- **John’s** gospel is significantly different from the **synoptic** gospels, suggesting it was written independently.

Revision Questions

- Look over your notes, the textbook and glossary.
- Write five or more questions with answers to put into your envelope.
- Test your partner with your questions.

