



UNIT OUTLINE

NT008-612, 712 & 812, The Synoptic Gospels (English): The Gospel of Luke

Description	Issues and themes common to the Synoptics will be examined in preparation for the main focus on Luke's Gospel, a carefully crafted narrative containing the most well-loved parables and stories of Jesus. Without Luke, there is no Good Samaritan, Prodigal Son, or Emmaus Road experience. Journey through Luke to gain new insights into the enigmatic character and mission of Jesus.	
Content	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Jewish and Greco-Roman setting of the Gospels 2. Methods for reading the Gospels 3. The formation of the Gospels 4. A close and careful exploration of Luke 1-2, 14-24. 5. Understanding the "Kingdom of God" 6. Learning and teaching from the parables 7. Applying Luke to life and ministry 	
Study modes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-class • Online 	
Assessment*	AQF 6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Take home exam 2. Exegesis 3. Essay on a Lukan theme
	AQF 7	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Take home exam 2. Exegesis 3. Essay on a Lukan theme
	AQF 8	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Take home exam 2. Exegesis and Bible study 3. Essay on a Lukan theme
Textbook	<p>One of the following commentaries (pros and cons listed):</p> <p>Bock, Darrell. 1996. <i>Luke</i>. NIV Application Commentary Series. Grand Rapids: Zondervan. Pro: Application section for each passage. Con: Application section means less exegesis. Little dated. Not for Level 8 students.</p> <p>Carroll, John T. 2012. <i>Luke: A Commentary</i>. New Testament Library. Louisville: WJK. Pro: Best commentary from a narrative perspective, shows how individual passages fit into the larger story. More recent. Con: Little application.</p> <p>Garland, David E. 2012. <i>Luke</i>. Exegetical Commentary on the NT. Grand Rapids: Zondervan. Pro: Commentary on each verse; best for digging deeper. Includes a 'Theology in Application' section for each passage. Recent. Con: May be too in-depth for some.</p> <p>Green, Joel B. 1997. <i>The Gospel of Luke</i>. NICNT. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. Pro: Balanced combination of historical/cultural background and the development of the narrative. Con: No application. A little dated.</p>	

* Assessment items may be subject to change without prior notice

