B1620 NT Intro I Gospels and Revelation Modules 3-5 — Mark, Luke, and John

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- Peter's son in the faith (1 Pet 5:13)
- John Mark Acts 12:12-25, 13:13, 15:37
- Paul's "fellow worker" Phlm
 24, Col 4:10-11, 2 Tim 4:11
- First bishop in Alexandria, martyred under Nero

Eusebius on Mark

• So brightly shone the light of true religion on the minds of Peter's hearers [in Rome] that, not satisfied with a single hearing or with the oral teaching of the divine message, they resorted to appeals of every kind to induce Mark (whose gospel we have), as he was a follower of Peter, to leave them in writing a summary of the instruction they had received by word of mouth, nor did they let him go till they had persuaded him, and thus became responsible for the writing of what is known as the Gospel according to Mark

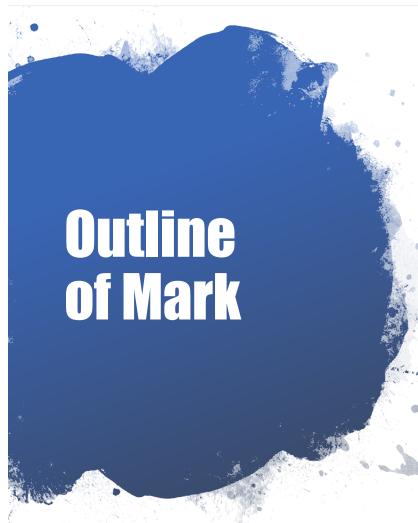
Background and Focus of Mark

- Writing possibly from Peter's Perspective
- 50-60AD
- Jesus as Son of God and Servant
- Gospel of Action
- Immediately (42 times)



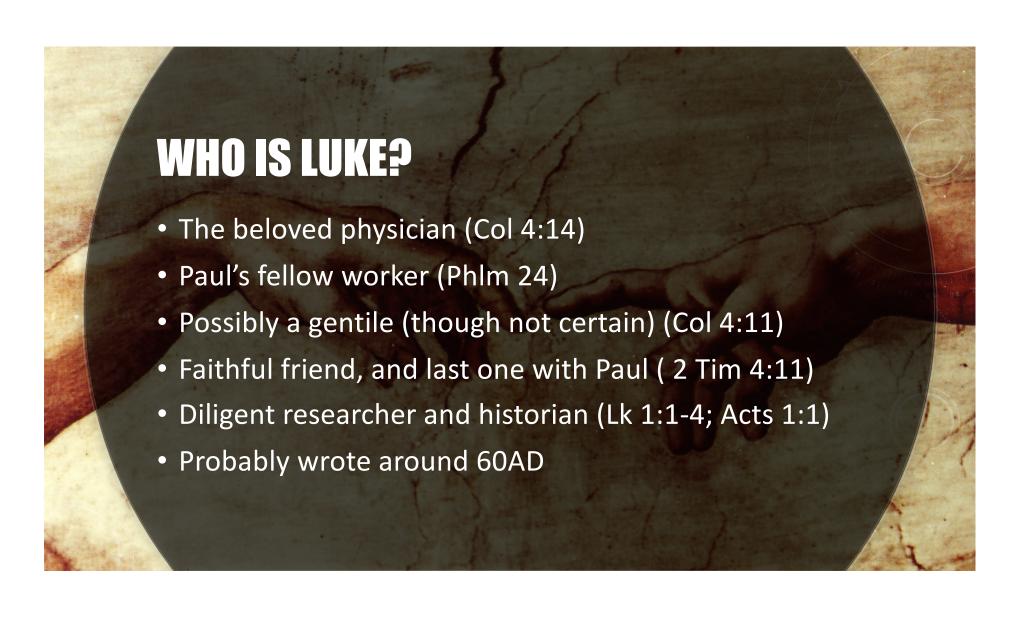
Outline of Mark

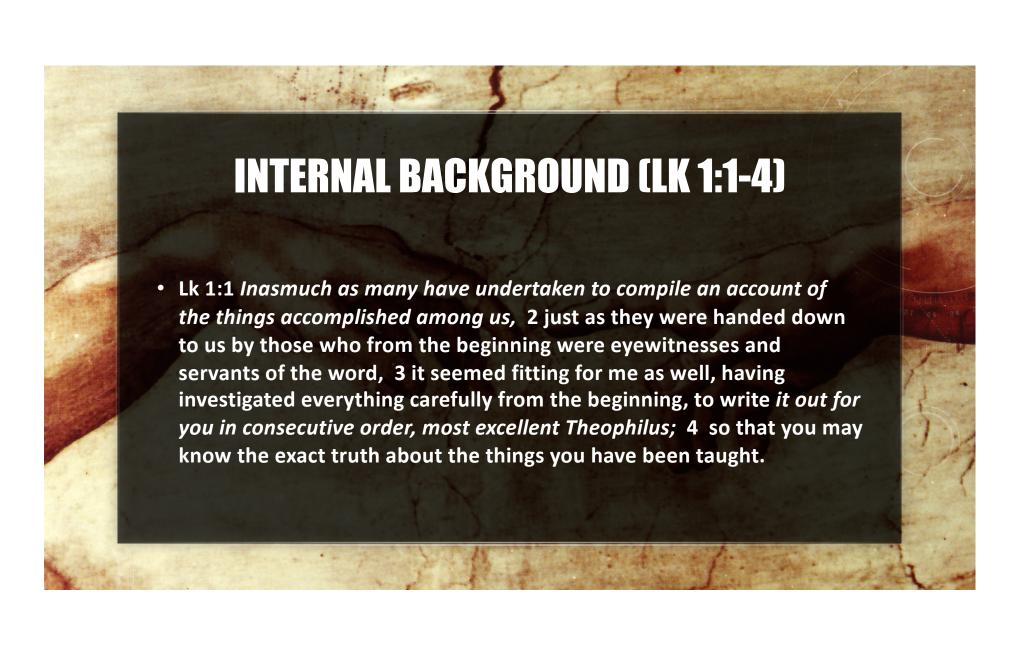
- 1:1-13 Preparation of the Servant
- 1:14-9:50 Servant in Galilee
- 10 Servant in Perea
- 11:1-16:20 Servant in Jerusalem



- 1:1-13 Preparation of the Servant
- 1:14-2:28 The Message Proclaimed and Affirmed
- **3** The Message Rejected
- 4 The Message Veiled (Parables)
- 5:1-8:26 The Message Illustrated
- **8:27-11:26** Preparing the Disciples
- 11:27-12:44 Rejection Solidified and Contrasted
- 13 Things to Come: The Timeline
- 14-15 The Servant's Sacrifice
- 16 The Servant's Success







EXTERNAL BACKGROUND (EUSEBIUS)

"7. But Luke, who was of Antiochian parentage and a physician by profession, and who was especially intimate with Paul and well acquainted with the rest of the apostles, has left us, in two inspired books, proofs of that spiritual healing art which he learned from them. One of these books is the Gospel, which he testifies that he wrote as those who were from the beginning eye witnesses and ministers of the word delivered unto him, all of whom, as he says, he followed accurately from the first. The other book is the Acts of the Apostles which he composed not from the accounts of others, but from what he had seen himself. 8. And they say that Paul meant to refer to Luke's Gospel wherever, as if speaking of some gospel of his own, he used the words, "according to my Gospel." (History, 3:4:7-8, The First Successors to the Apostles)

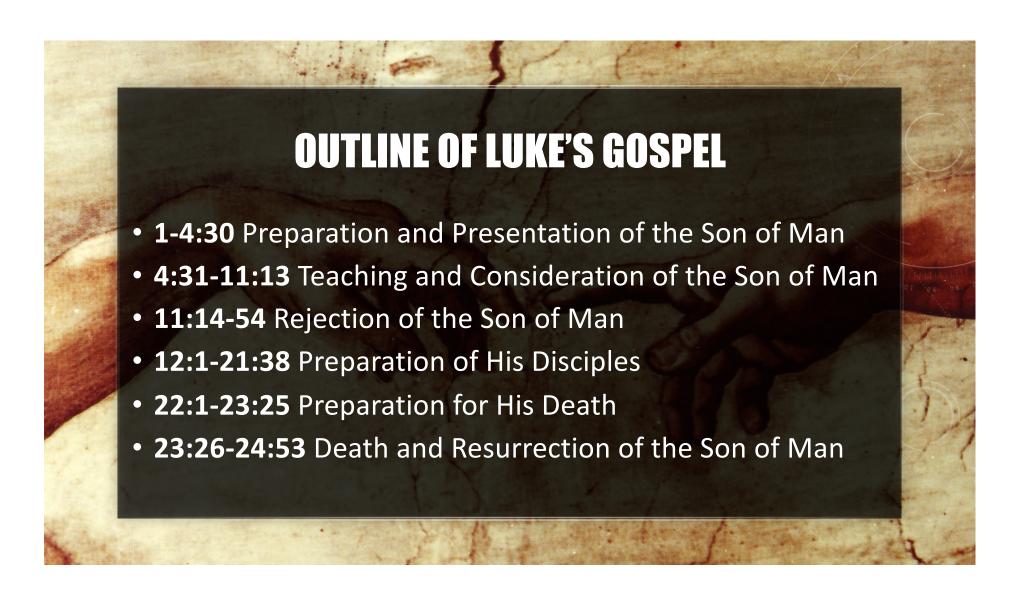
UNIQUE ASPECTS OF LUKE'S GOSPEL

- Luke's Gospel is in Greek similar to classical, and bears similarity especially with Acts and Hebrews
- Luke focuses on Jesus as the Son of Man, emphasizing His humanity
- Luke= longest book of the NT
- Luke wrote more words in the NT than any other writer (2157, Paul is second with 2032)
- Luke traces Jesus' genealogy (through Mary) from Adam, while Matthew traces from Abraham, to Joseph
- Luke focuses on individual narratives and interactions Jesus' dealings with people.

LUKE'S FOCUS

- Jesus as Son of Man
- Emphasizing human birth (2:11)
- Perfection as a man (4:13)
- One qualified to save (19:10)
- Compassion for the poor and oppressed
- Relationship of God as man, with man.





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BI620 NT Intro I Gospels and Revelation Module 5 – The Gospel of John

Background of John

- Brother of James, son of Zebedee (Mk 1:19)
- Partner of Simon Peter (Mk 1:20, Lk 5:10)
- Disciple of John the Baptist (1:35-39)
- The disciple Jesus loved (13:23, 19:26)
- Had a unique ministry (21:18-24)

Background of John

- Ministered in Jerusalem (Acts 3:1, 4:3-21, 8:1)
- Exiled to Patmos by Domitian (90-95AD) for proclaiming the gospel (Rev 1:9)
- Writes a non-synoptic gospel
- Uses contrasts to illustrate (light/dark, above/below, life/death, etc.)

Purpose of John's Gospel: 20:30-31

Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;

but **these** have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

Synthesis of John

- Structural Key: John 20:30-31
 - 2:1-12 water into wine
 - 4:46-54 healing nobleman's son
 - 5 healing lame man
 - 6:1-14 feeding 5000
 - 6:15-25 walking on water
 - 9-10 healing man born blind
 - 11:1-46 raising of Lazarus

- 1-12 Presentation of the God-man
- 13-17 Explanation by the God-man
- 18-21 Verification of the God-man

- 1-12 Presentation of the God-man
 - 1:1-34 The Word and His Witness
 - 1:35-51 His Disciples
 - 2:1-12 His First Sign: Water Into Wine
 - 2:13-25 His Zeal: Cleansing the Temple
 - 3:1-21 His Teaching: Second Birth, Nicodemus
 - 3:22-36 His Witness: John's Teaching
 - 4:1-45 His Compassion: The Woman at the Well

- 1-12 Presentation of the God-man
 - 4:46-54 His Second Sign: Healing Official's Son
 - 5 His Third Sign: Sabbath Healing, Explanation
 - 6 His Fourth and Fifth Signs (Feeding 5k, Walking on Water), Explanation (Bread of Life)
 - 7:1-52 His Authority: Teaching at the Feast of Booths
 - 7:53-8:11 His Mercy: Woman Caught in Adultery
 - 8:12-8:59 His Presentation and Rejection

- 1-12 Presentation of the God-man
 - 9-10 His Sixth Sign: Healing the Man Born Blind and Explanation
 - 11:1-46 His Seventh Sign: Lazarus Raised and Explanation
 - 11:47-57 His Opponents: Chief Priests and Pharisees
 - 12 His Hour Begun: Anointing, Triumphal Entry, Death Foretold

- 13-17 Explanation by the God-man
 - 13-14 His Disciples Prepared: His Example, Betrayal Foretold, Holy Spirit Promised
 - 15 His Instruction: Parable of the Vine, Command to Love, Hatred by the World
 - 16 His Warnings: Hatred by the World, Holy Spirit Promised, His Program
 - 17 His Prayer

- 18-21 Verification of the God-man
 - 18 His Betrayal, Arrest, and Trial
 - 19 His Crucifixion and Burial
 - 20-21 His Resurrection and Appearances