

**GOOD TIDINGS FROM 4 GOSPELS
“Jesus Christ, the Son of Man
Gospel of Luke**

Big Idea – Knowing Jesus will bring great joy!

Luke was a physician/companion of Paul the Apostle, who wrote this to a Greek named Theophilus, who may have been a new Roman believer. He presents Christ as the Son of Man, and as the source of rejoicing from beginning to end of his book.

Angels mentioned 23 times in Luke, in the first chapter Gabriel speaks to the priest Zacharias with God’s first words from heaven, “Fear not.”

“Fear not” is found 7 times in Luke including vs. 30, and 2:10.

the phrase “joy” and rejoicing is found – 19 times in Luke.

Look with me at 4 things about the Savior as Son of Man in Luke’s Gospel.

1. The marvel of Mary at her Savior – Luke 1:46, 47

Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.”

Notice that in vs. 41-44 the baby, John the Baptist, still in his mother Elizabeth’s womb, leaped for joy when he heard the voice of Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Mary then magnified the Lord and rejoiced in God her Savior. To “magnify” the Lord means to declare the goodness of the Lord.

Psalm 34:3 “Oh, magnify the LORD with me, And let us exalt His name together.”

Note that it says she was blessed “among” women, not above women; she too needed a Savior from her sins. This statement also shows that she knew that the little baby she carried was God in the flesh.

2. The message about Jesus at his birth - 2:10,13,20

The angel told the shepherds, "Fear not" and said he brought good news of "great joy" for all people.

Interestingly this book ends in 24:52 with the same phrase, "great joy."

Now notice with me what Jesus Christ did while he was on the earth and what the results were of the ministry of the Son of Man.

3. The ministry and results of Jesus on the earth:

5:25,26 – He forgave a man's sins and healed him from bed where he lay sick with the palsy.

7:16 – He raised a widow's son from the dead

10:21 – He told his followers to rejoice because their names were written in heaven. Then He rejoiced that His followers could understand His truths.

13:13 – He healed a woman bound for 18 years.

17:15 – He healed ten lepers, and only one came back to thank Him

18:43 – He healed the blind beggar Bartimaeus

19:6,37 – First, He saved the thieving tax collector Zacheus, because he admitted he was a sinner.

In Luke 19:10 he tells why Jesus came!

"The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Vs. 37, the crowd of disciples praised God because of Lazarus (John 12).

23:47 – The Roman centurion believed and acknowledged that Jesus was the Son of God

4. The message of Jesus' followers today – 24:46 - 48

We are to preach repentance, and forgiveness of sins to all nations, starting at Jerusalem and around the world. We are his witnesses of these things and if we believe it and do it we will have the same thing they had in vs. 52 – **Great Joy!!**