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The Light on the Hill
that Teaches the Word
and Touches the World

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Second Quarter/Twelfth of Thirteen Sundays

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE
New Testament #3
Luke

Key Themes

- **Historical Foundations:** The grounding of the gospel message in historical truths.
- **The Universal Scope** of the gospel—It is for all people everywhere.
- **Fulfillment of Prophecy:** All the Scriptures speak of the Christ (24:27).
- **God's Purpose and Plan:** Jesus' death was no accident of history, but was God's purposeful action to accomplish salvation.
- **Jesus as Prophet, Messiah, Savior, and Lord.**
- **The Holy Spirit** as the sign of the new age of salvation.
- **Joy and praise,** because the time of salvation has arrived.
- **Outsiders** Jesus' special concern for outsiders, especially the poor, sinners, and Samaritans.
- **Women** Special emphasis is placed on women.
- **Jerusalem and Jesus.** The importance of Jerusalem and the temple and Jesus' journey there (9:51-19:28).

Author

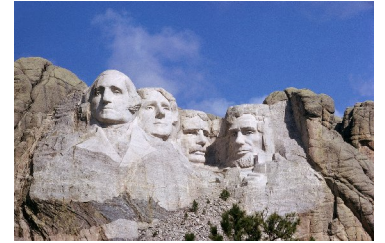
Luke, a physician and part-time missionary companion of the apostle Paul. Luke probably was a Gentile.

Recipients

Theophilus, possibly Luke's patron who financially supported the writing of the books of Luke and Acts. Yet Luke clearly writes to a larger audience, probably mostly Gentile churches wrestling with their identity as the true people of God.

Interesting Facts about Luke

- Luke wrote more of the New Testament than any other author (even Paul), when both the third gospel and its companion volume Acts are counted.
 - Luke's writings contain some of the finest stylistic Greek in the New Testament.



February 21
President's Day

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