



**reading**

**luke**

**backwards**



# Luke's Prologue

Ἐπειδήπερ πολλοὶ ἐπεχείρησαν ἀνατάξασθαι διήγ

Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.

- Luke 1:1-4

περὶ τῶν πεπληρορημένων ἐν ἡμῖν πραγμάτων

**As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus.**

**A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him.**

**But Jesus turned to them and said,**

**“Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”**

**-Luke 23:26-31**

**Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.**

**When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.**

**[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."]**

**And they cast lots to divide his clothing.**

**And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ, the Son of God!"**

**The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"**

**There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."**

**- Luke 23:32-38**

**One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,  
“Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”**

**But the other rebuked him, saying,**

**“Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of  
condemnation?**

**And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we  
deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.”**

**Then he said,**

**“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”**

**He replied,**

**“Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”**

**-Luke 23:39-43**

**It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two.**

**Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,  
“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”**

**Having said this, he breathed his last.**

**When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,  
“Certainly this man was innocent.”**

**And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this *spectacle* saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts.**

**But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.**

**- Luke 23:44-49**



THOUSANDS OF AFRICAN AMERICANS ARE UNKNOWN VICTIMS OF RACIAL TERROR LYNCHINGS WHOSE DEATHS CANNOT BE DOCUMENTED, MANY WHOSE NAMES WILL NEVER BE KNOWN. THEY ARE ALL HONORED HERE.





HEAT, SPARK



Not everyone is faced  
can be changed  
but no time  
change



WESTERN UNION WU



**So they watched him and sent spies who pretended to be honest, in order to trap him by what he said, so as to hand him over to the jurisdiction and authority of the governor.**

**So they asked him,**

**“Teacher, we know that you are right in what you say and teach, and you show deference to no one, but teach the way of God in accordance with truth.**

**Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?”**

**-Luke 20:20-22**

**But he perceived their craftiness and said to them,**

**“Show me a denarius. Whose head and whose title does it bear?”**

**They said, “The emperor’s.”**

**He said to them, “Then give to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”**

**And they were not able in the presence of the people to trap him by what he said; and being amazed by his answer, they became silent.**

**-Luke 20:23-26**



**But he perceived their craftiness and said to them,**

**“Show me a denarius. Whose head and whose title does it bear?”**

**They said, “The emperor’s.”**

**He said to them, “Then give to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”**

**And they were not able in the presence of the people to trap him by what he said; and being amazed by his answer, they became silent.**

**-Luke 20:23-26**

**In the hearing of all the people he said to the disciples,**

**“Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets.**

**They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers.**

**They will receive the greater condemnation.”**

**-Luke 20:45-47**



**He looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins.**

**He said,**

**“Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on.”**

**-Luke 21:1-4**

**When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.**

**“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host;**

**and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’**

**and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.”**

**-Luke 14:7-9**

**“But when you are invited,  
go and sit down at the lowest place,  
so that when your host comes, he may say to you,**

**‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the  
presence of all who sit at the table with you.**

**For all who exalt themselves will be humbled,  
and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”**

**-Luke 14:10-11**

**He said also to the one who had invited him,**

**“When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid.**

**But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the [disabled], [those unable to walk], and the blind.**

**And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”**

**-Luke 14:12-14**

**One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him,**

**“Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!”**

**Then Jesus said to him, “Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited,**

**‘Come; for everything is ready now.’**

**-Luke 14:15-17**

**But they all alike began to make excuses.**

**The first said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my regrets.’**

**Another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my regrets.’**

**Another said, ‘I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.’**

**-Luke 14:18-20**

**So the slave returned and reported this to his master.**

**Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave,**

**‘Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the [disabled], the blind, and [those unable to walk].’**

**-Luke 14:21**

**And the slave said,**

**‘Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.’**

**Then the master said to the slave,**

**‘Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.’”**

**-Luke 14:22-24**



**And the crowds asked [John], “What then should we do?”**

**In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.”**

**Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?”**

**He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.”**

**-Luke 3:10-13**

**Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?”**

**He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”**

**-Luke 3:14**

**Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.**

**He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished.**

**The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.”**

**Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”**

**-Luke 4:1-4**

**Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.**

**And the devil said to him,**

**“To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please.**

**If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.”**

**Jesus answered him, “It is written,  
‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’”**

**-Luke 4:5-8**

**Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”**

**Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.**

**-Luke 4:9-13**

**In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David.**

**The virgin's name was Mary.**

**And he came to her and said,**

**“Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.”**

**But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.**

**-Luke 1:26-29**

**The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.**

**He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”**

**-Luke 1:30-33**

**Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?”**

**The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren.**

**For nothing will be impossible with God.”**

**-Luke 1:34-37**



**Then Mary said,**

**“Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.”**

**Then the angel departed from her.**

**In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.**

**-Luke 1:38-40**

**When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry,**

**“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”**

**-Luke 1:41-45**

**And Mary said,**

**“My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his  
servant.**

**Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.**

**-Luke 1:46-49**

**His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.  
He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.  
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;  
he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.  
He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”**

**-Luke 1:50-55**





**reading**

**luke**

**backwards**