

WEEK 5—Luke 1-10

This week's reading in **Luke's Gospel** begins, like Matthew's, with stories of Jesus' arrival and early years. Among those is one about Jesus, at age 12, in the temple—a story that shows His deep interest and unusual wisdom (see Luke 2:41-47). You'll notice a lot that's familiar from Matthew and Mark, even if Luke has things in a different order, or offers a different emphasis. And so, for example, Luke doesn't repeat the Sermon on the Mount we find in Matthew (neither does Mark), but he does include ideas and pieces from that (like the blessings in chap 6) throughout several chapters. Luke's Gospel is long—and it's really part 1 of a 2-part story (part 2 is told in the book of Acts) that accounts for nearly ¼ of the entire New Testament! He includes a few things not found in other Gospels (like that scene of young Jesus in the temple); Luke also likes to talk more about the Holy Spirit than Matthew or Mark (and this interest shows up in Acts, too).

5 weeks! Are you finding that you look forward to reading in the New Testament, now that this has been happening for a while? Are a few more things dropping into place?

May this week be full of new discoveries as you continue!

Warmly,
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