


“Amazing news that must be told”
– Lk.24:36-53; Acts 1:1-11



Luke's Gospel - review

1. Luke records historical events – 1:1-5; 2:1,2; 3:1,2
 2. Luke shows Jesus as the Saviour of the world:-
 - a. All groups of people – Vol.1 Luke
 - b. All nations – Vol.2 Acts
 3. Luke highlights the importance in Jesus' work of:-
 - a. The Spirit
 - b. Prayer
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1. The incredible truth – Jesus is alive v.36-43

- a. The disciples were fearful – v.36,37
 - b. They are slow to believe – v.41;
Mt.28:17; Mk.16:8
 - c. Jesus makes it clear – he is alive
 - he was crucified – v.39,40
 - he has a real body – v.39-43
 - he is patient with them – Acts 1:3
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2. The Good News of Jesus – v.44-47

a. The Saviour promised – v.44,45

- before creation – 1 Pet.1:20
 - announced at the “Fall” – Gen.3:15
 - prepared for in the O.T. – Gen.12:3;
Lk.24:44,45
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b. Salvation achieved – v.46

1. The Cross – v.26,46

The Cross deals with 2 irreconcilables:-

a. Human sinfulness

b. God's hatred of sin & love of humans

WRATH & MERCY meet

JUSTICE & GRACE kiss

2. The Resurrection – v.26,46

The resurrection is the great confirmation of the achievement of the Cross

This wonderful news must go to all nations – v.47



3. Declaring the Good News – v.48-53

How can people hear? – through being
witnesses – v.48

- a. Where we are
 - b. What the Church is doing
 - c. As we pray
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Declaring the Good News – our resources

- a. Empowering of the Spirit – v.49; Acts 1:8
- b. It is King Jesus who sends us – the ascended Jesus:-
 - rules as King - Revelation
 - represents us – Hebrews

We are his ambassadors



4. Vital challenge

- a. Don't neglect such great salvation
 - b. The Church – an embassy of Heaven
 - Lives that reflect the King & his Gospel
 - Carry out the instructions – “Go and make disciples of all nations”
 - c. Individual Christian
 - How can I be an active witness to Jesus?
 - How can I encourage the work of the “embassy”?
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