

Live the **RED: Jesus** in LUKE
The Savior for ALL People

I bring you good news of great joy
which shall be for **ALL** people...
For my eyes have seen Your salvation,
which You have prepared in the sight of **ALL** people...
And **ALL** people shall see the salvation of God!
Luke 2:10; 2:30-31; 3:6

Luke's target audience is the Greek-speaking **Gentile world**.
His overarching theme: Jesus as the **Savior for ALL people**.
Luke has **three unique qualifications** for his task:

1. Luke is a Greek-Gentile, the **only non-Jewish writer** in the Bible.
2. Luke is a **physician**, highly educated and academically trained.
3. Luke was the **close friend** and traveling companion of the **Apostle Paul**, chosen by Jesus: *to carry My name before the Gentiles...* Acts 9:15.

Greek-Gentile culture longed for two things:

- They sought **human perfection** in terms of both actions (Olympics) and thought (philosophy).
- To reach eternity: **a way to immortality** or salvation from the finiteness of death.

IN JESUS God answered both longings.

- Jesus is the **ideal Man**, perfect in thought and action because He is perfect in self-sacrificing love.
- Jesus is God's way of salvation for **ALL**—Jew and Gentile, male and female, rich and poor, the entire racial rainbow of humanity—**ALL** who will turn to Him in complete trust.

Corollary themes: Luke's Gospel has been called:

The Gospel of the **Holy Spirit**
The Gospel of **Prayer**
The Gospel of **Womanhood**

Above all, Luke's Gospel is the **Gospel to the Outcast**.

This is clear in the five most famous stories found only in Luke:

1. The **Good Samaritan** (Luke 10:25-37) = Racism rejected
2. The **Prodigal Son** (Luke 15:11-32) = The returning embraced
3. The **Two Men Praying** (18:9-14) = The proud refused
4. **Zacchaeus** transformed (19:1-10) = Sinners sought
5. The **Dying Thief** Accepted (Luke 23:39-43) = Salvation assured

Luke's core message is clear:

- Jesus came to offer salvation to **ALL**.
- **ALL** God requires from us is the humility to **recognize our need** and **turn our lives over to Jesus in trust**:

He scatters those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

But He lifts up the **humble**.

He fills the **hungry** with good things—
but sends the rich away empty.

Luke 1:52-53

APPLICATION:

The **Son of Man** came to **seek** and to **save the lost**. ***Luke 19:10***

The plan and purpose of Jesus' mission in twelve words:

WHAT: to seek...

WHY: to save...

WHO: the lost...

Jesus' salvation is for ALL people, so it is for YOU:

The **Spirit** of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me
to preach **good news** to the poor. He has sent Me to
proclaim **freedom** for the prisoners and
recovery of **sight** to the blind,
to **release** the oppressed, and
to proclaim **the year of the LORD's favor**.

Luke 4:18-19