

## The Gospel according to Luke – Part 1

### The Coming of Jesus

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. Today we are beginning a new series of studies on the Gospel according to Luke. Our topic today: The Coming of Jesus

Scripture Theme Song: “This is a faithful saying” (1 Timothy 1:15,17; 1 Corinthians 15:10)

- 1) An orderly account of the life and teachings of Jesus
  - a) Luke 1:1-4. See also Acts 1:1-3
  - b) Acts 16:10 (notice “after he (Paul)...we sought to go)
  - c) Who traveled with Paul? Col. 4:14; 2 Tim 4:11.
  - d) How did Dr. Luke go about writing this orderly account of the life and teachings of Jesus? Luke 1:1-4
  - e) Just a human research paper? 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:19-21
  - f) How did Dr. Luke determine what to include and what to discard?
- 2) The witness of John the Baptist
  - a) Miraculous birth – Luke 1:5-25
  - b) Supernatural confirmation – Luke 1:57-66
  - c) The prophecy given by John’s father – Luke 1:67-77
  - d) The early life of John, son of Zacharias – Luke 1:43, 80
- 3) The Birth of Jesus
  - a) Luke 1:26-38 (see also Isaiah 7:14; Matt. 1:22-23)
  - b) Luke 2:1-7 (see also Micah 5:2; Philippians 2:5-7)
  - c) What do you find most remarkable as you read this story about the birth of Jesus?
  - d) How can we help others to appreciate this precious Gift of love?
- 4) Early witnesses of the Savior
  - a) The angels - Luke 2:8-14
    - i) What was the response of the angels when they announced the birth of Jesus?
  - b) The shepherds – Luke 2:15-20
    - i) What was the response of the shepherds after they saw their Messiah lying in a manger?
  - c) Simeon – Luke 2:25-35
    - i) What impresses you about the story of Simeon’s meeting with Jesus?
    - ii) What important truths does he proclaim?
  - d) Anna – Luke 2:36-38
    - i) What lessons can we learn from the behavior of Anna?
  - e) Mary and Joseph – Luke 2:19, 33
  - f) The priest in the temple – Luke 2:22
    - i) Did you notice that there is no mention of any reaction by the priest in the temple? Apparently, he totally missed the significance of this time. What lesson can we learn from this incident for our lives today?
- 5) Discussion questions
  - a) Which of these witnesses impacts you the most?
  - b) How can we be effective witnesses for Jesus? 1 John 1:1-4; John 1:46-49; Luke 8:39; Acts 1:8.