Simply Study: Luke I, Sessions I-5

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One book at a time. One day at a time.



Welcome to Simply Study!

Have you had enough of rushing through your Bible study time, trying to keep up with someone else's daily study schedule?

Have you ever finished a daily devotional and marveled at the fact that you barely read a verse of scripture?

Do you long to spend your quiet time soaking in one book of the Bible?

Me too!

Simply Word is a daily Bible study based in one book of the Bible. There's no rush, no scramble. Take as much time as you like to meander with God through one book of the Bible.

Simple pieces

- Simply read Repeated readings will help you meditate on truths of God's word.
- Simply mark Let loose your creative side as you simply mark the daily scripture reading passage.
- Simply answer Look back in the scripture to answer questions about the text.
- Simply reflect Consider what God is speaking to your heart and record your thoughts.
- Simply act Become a doer of the word as you decide how to apply what you have learned.

Let's get started!

Focus deeply. One book at a time. One day at a time. Simply Study.

Session 1

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Simply Read

Today we are going to read 1:26-80. Please read straight through without stopping. As you read, please take notes and highlight as the Spirit leads you.

- 26 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,
- 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.
- 28 And he came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee.
- 29 But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this might be.
- 30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus.
- 32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Most High: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:
- 33 and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.
- 34 And Mary said unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?
- 35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee: wherefore also the holy thing

which is begotten shall be called the Son of God.

- 36 And behold, Elisabeth thy kinswoman, she also hath conceived a son in her old age; and this is the sixth month with her that was called barren.
- 37 For no word from God shall be void of power.
- 38 And Mary said, Behold, the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.
- 39 And Mary arose in these days and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Judah;
- 40 and entered into the house of Zacharias and saluted Elisabeth.
- 41 And it came to pass, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit;
- 42 and she lifted up her voice with a loud cry, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.
- 43 And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come unto me?
- 44 For behold, when the voice of thy salutation came into mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.
- 45 And blessed is she that believed; for there shall be a fulfilment of the things which have been spoken to her from the Lord.
 - 46 And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,
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Simply Mark

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Simply Answer

- 1. Who was sent and from whom was he sent(vs. 26)?
- 2. To whom was Gabriel sent (vs. 27)?
- 3. List all the details you notice about Mary and Joseph (vs. 26-27)?
- 4. What two amazing things did Gabriel say to Mary (vs. 28)?
- 5. How did Mary react to the Gabriel's greeting (vs. 29)?
- 6. Why did Mary react this way to the wonderful things Gabriel told her?
- 7. Why did Gabriel tell Mary not to fear (vs. 30)?
- 8. What amazing news does Gabriel tell Mary in verse 31?
- 9. Why is this news so amazing? Keep verse 27 in mind as you give several reasons.
- 10. Write down everything you learn about Jesus from verses 32 and 33.
- 11. What impossible aspect of God's will for Mary does she mention (vs. 34)?

- 11. How does God solve Mary's "impossible problem" (vs. 35)?
- 12. What impossible problem are you facing?
- 13. Who will help you through your impossible situation?
- 14. What reassurance does the angel give Mary that her impossible situation is possible (vs. 36)?
- 15. God's word is always what (vs. 37)?
- 16. Name two other things that can make your impossible possible (vs. 38-39).

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39 And Mary arose in these days and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Judah;

40 and entered into the house of Zacharias and saluted Elisabeth.

- 41 And it came to pass, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit;
- 42 and she lifted up her voice with a loud cry, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.
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- 1. Why did Mary go to the hill country (vs. 39 and 40)?
- 2. Describe how she went and why you think she went this way (vs. 39).
- 3. What miraculous things that happened when Mary entered Elisabeth's house (vs. 41)?
- 4. Why did this miraculous thing happen (vs. 42-44)?
- 5. What miraculous thing happened to Elisabeth (vs. 41)?
- 6. When Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit what was she able to do (vs. 42-45)?
- 7. How do these verses speak to the value of unborn babies?
- 8. What does verse 45 say about women who believe what the Lord has said to them is true?
- 9. Read what God has said is true about you: You are called, chosen, forgiven, redeemed, restored, anointed, gifted, and righteous. Which means the most to you?

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Today we are going to read 1:46-56. Please read straight through without stopping.

- 46 And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,
- 47 And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
- 48 For he hath looked upon the low estate of his handmaid:

For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

- 49 For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; And holy is his name.
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- 1. Name two things Mary does (vs. 46-47).
- 2. How do you magnify the Lord?
- 3. Why will all generations call Mary blessed (vs. 49)?
- 4. How can your faith make a difference in your family line (50)?
- 5. What do the proud see instead of truth according to verse 51?
- 6. What will happen to the proud? To the lowly (vs. 51-52)?
- 7. What will happen to the hungry and the rich (vs. 53)?
- 8. What will God do forever for those who love and serve Him (vs. 54-55)?
- 9. How long did Mary stay with Elisabeth? Why did she return to her own home at this precise time?

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- 57 Now Elisabeth's time was fulfilled that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son.
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- 1. What will we experience when we have labored through a hard work (vs. 57)?
- 2. From what are you waiting on God's deliverance?
- 3. When we magnify God, what does He do for us (vs. 58)?
- 4. What did all of Elisabeth's relatives want to name the baby? What did Zechariah and Elisabeth name the baby (vs. 59-63)? To find out why Zechariah was mute read Luke 1:1-25.
- 5. What was the first thing Zechariah did when he regained his power of speech (vs. 64)?
- 6. What is the first thing you say when your tongue is "loosed"?
- 7. What happened because of the miracles experienced by Elisabeth and Zechariah (vs. 36, 64-66)?
- 8. What happened to Zechariah that had previously happened to Elisabeth (vs. 67)?
- 9. Who is Zechariah prophesying about (vs. 69-75)
- 10. Who is Zechariah prophesying about in verses 76-79?
- 11. How important are a father's words about his children?

12. Name three things John the Baptist did (vs. 80).

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