



1. Who is the writer and/or speaker ?
2. When was it written and/or said ?
3. To whom was it written and/or spoken ?
4. What are the major natural divisions ?
5. What is the repeated key word ?
6. What simple sentence sums it all up ?

Survey of the Book of Luke

1. The writer : Luke was a medical doctor (Col4v14), rich enough to travel first class (Ac20v13) and of Greek origin (his name has no Hebrew equivalent). He is neither circumcised (cf. Col4v11 & 14, Pm24) nor one of the original 12 apostles, nor even an eyewitness of Christ (Lu1v2) and yet God chose him to write the Gospel and the book of Acts (cf. Lu1v3 & Ac1v1). He is the only non-Hebrew to write a book of the Bible, except for perhaps Job. He became an apostle (missionary) and travelled overseas with the apostle Paul from Troas around the year 50 AD (Ac16v10-17, 205-15, 21v1-18) all the way to Rome (Ac27v1-28v16) near the end of 60 AD. His Greek language reveals a man of higher education with an eye for medical details and yet he never says his name !
2. The date : This book was written before the book of Acts (cf. Ac1v1 & Luke 1v3) which was written before the year 61 AD (Ac28v30). Other Gospels had already been written (Luke 1v1) and specifically by some of the 12 apostles (Luke 1v2), Matthew and John, which would leads us to a date around 60 AD.
3. The readers : Luke wrote for the Greek world et more precisely for a nobleman (Lu1v3). This is a Gospel for the man who seeks wisdom and reason (1Cor1v22-25). Luke is precise with names, dates and details. He recounts more personal stories than the other Gospel writers. His association with John-Mark (Col4v10, 14, 2Tim4v11 & Phm24) is not by chance. Mark was fluent in Latin and Luke fluent in Greek.
4. The natural divisions : Five steps of the man who is divine !
 - The Son of man is come, ch1-3
 - The Son of man in Galilee, ch4-9
 - The Son of man in Judea, ch10-20
 - The Son of Man in private, ch21-22v46
 - The Son of Man is gone, ch22v47-24v53
5. The key repeated words : "the Son of man" 26x (cf. Lu19v10)
6. The message : God became a man to save mankind. (cf. Lu9v56, 19v10, 24v6-8 & 46-47).
7. The application : To know God, one must know the Lord Jesus Christ. (cf. Lu5v21-25, 8v25 & 24v39)