

cial manner.

**Spirit.** There are 17 references to the Holy Spirit in Luke and 57 in the rest of the New Testament. Mark contains only 6 and these references occur with frequency in the first two chapters primarily to show that the disciples had been revived under the influence of the Holy Spirit (1:41,67; 3:16). It was a sign that the long-awaited Messiah had dawned. To be "full of the Holy Spirit" is to be under the Spirit's power; he works miracles (4) and heals the sick (5:17). The Holy Spirit is God's good gift to his people (13). During times of persecution, the Spirit will be ministered to by the church (2:12). The disciples are not to be anxious about the time of the Parousia (13:8) but instead are to expect the coming of the Father, i.e., the Spirit (13:18). The church is to live in the power of the Spirit until the Parousia. Luke stands alone in relating a large number of crucial events in Jesus' ministry. These include the baptism and calling of the twelve (6:12), the transfiguration (9:18), and the transfiguration (9:18). He alone tells that the resurrection was a response to a request by Jesus' experience in prayer (24:46). Luke, Jesus utters a prayer of intercession for the success of the disciples' ministry (10:21), intercedes for Peter and prays on the cross (22:32). The parables of the insistent neighbor (10:5-8), the importunate widow (10:10-14) and the Pharisee and tax collector (11:14) are examples of Jesus' teaching.

**Concern.** Special attention is given to the people who stood outside the pale of Jewish law and social responsibility. The parable of the good Samaritan is given by Jesus (10:25-37). Of ten lepers who were healed, a Samaritan is held up as the one who showed genuine gratitude (17:11-19). Jesus' sympathy for tax collectors is especially shown by Luke. The tax collector came to John for baptism

(3:12-13), the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector (18:9-14), and Zacchaeus (19:1-10) all appear in Luke's special material.

The contrast between the attitude of Jesus and that of the religious leaders toward sinners is illustrated in the story of the penitent woman (7:36-50), the parables of the fifteenth chapter, and the encounter with Zacchaeus (19:1-9). Only Luke tells of the penitent thief (23:39-43).

The Gospel stresses that the humble and poor are the recipients of the kingdom of God (1:48,51-53; 4:18). Jesus is born in poor surroundings (2:7), while lowly shepherds are the first to receive news of his birth (2:8-14). Blessings are pronounced on the poor (6:20); woes, on the rich (6:24-26).

4. **Women.** Luke gives a significant place to women in his writings. Mary and Elizabeth figure prominently in the birth narratives. In Luke's special material are found stories like the raising of the widow's son (7:11-17), the penitent woman (7:36-50), the visit with Mary and Martha (10:38-42), and the healing of the crippled woman (13:10-17). We also find the interesting detail that a number of women provided support for Jesus and his disciples (8:1-3).

5. **Wealth.** A characteristic attitude toward wealth runs through the third Gospel. Generally suspect, it is called "unrighteous mammon" (16:9), although possession of wealth is not in itself condemned. Two of the most vivid parables, the foolish farmer (12:13-21) and the rich man and Lazarus (16:19-31) point out the folly of a secular approach to life. The sin of the two men is that they used their wealth solely for personal gratification, whereas it should be shared with those who are deprived (3:11; 12:33). Zacchaeus' conversion is signaled by this proper attitude toward his possessions (19:8).

The gospel as presented by Luke was pertinent to the great social issues of his day. It is colored throughout by a compassion for the exploited and despised. The

third Gospel is a reminder that violence is done to the message of Jesus Christ when it is severed from a concern for man's social problems.

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