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Coming Alive: Luke
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Overview

This session will take us on a journey through the Gospel of Luke. We will explore some key themes in the Gospel of Luke and what makes it come alive. We will also look at the patterns of ministry and justice in the gospel and what Luke, as an author, is teaching us about The Way of Jesus.

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Poll



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 - 3. Parable of the rich fool (12:13-21)
 - 4. Parable of punishment (12:47-48)
 - 5. Parable of the barren tree (13:1-9)
 - 6. Parable of the lost coin (15:8-10)
 - 7. Parable of the shrewd manager (16:1-12)
 - 8. Parable of the rich man and Lazarus (16:19-31)
 - 9. Parable of the persistent widow (18:1-8)
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Synoptics

- Matthew, Mark, Luke
- John
- Two source Hypothesis



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Luke

- **Basics:**
 - 📖 Writer: Luke
 - 📍 Setting: 80CE (approx.)
 - 👥 Audience: Gentile converts
- **Ideas:**
 - 🗨️ Main verse summary: Luke 1:3&4
 - 🎯 Purpose: know the way of Jesus
 - 🔍 Things to look out for: "and it came to pass", Poverty/wealth, parables, women
 - 🗝️ Key to understanding: all Jesus began to do and teach, parables
- **Overview:**
 - 📖 Arc of the story: story-teller. Beginning to end
 - 🏡 Application: what it looks like to follow Jesus.

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Discussion break:

Read Matthew 1:1, 18–25, Mark 1:1–15, Luke 1:1–4, 26–38 & John 1:1–18

What is distinct?
What does each Gospel author want to emphasise?



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Application

- Reveal Jesus to us
 - Roadmap 🗺️
 - Co-ordinates 📍
 - Lens 🔍
- Hermeneutics

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