Healing
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Goals

Stimulate additional interest in Scripture by:

- Three Literary Techniques of Luke
- Resuscitation of the Widow’s Son at Nain
- Incorporate Scripture into Daily Prayer Life
General Overview:
Luke’s Purpose and Person
A Narrative in Sequence

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received.

Luke 1:1-4

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up …

Acts 1:1,2
Luke, A Companion of Paul

Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you, as well as Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my co-workers (Phlm 23-24)

Luke, the beloved physician, sends greetings, as does Demas (Col 4:14)

Luke is the only one with me. Get Mark, and bring him with you for he is helpful to me in the ministry (2 Tim 4:11)
Luke, An Eyewitness


“When he had seen the vision, we sought passage to Macedonia …

“We sailed from Philippi after the feast of Unleavened Bread”

“When we had taken leave of them, we set sail …”

No use/mention of Paul’s letters
Luke’s Original Contribution

Connection of events in the early Church to those of Jesus’ ministry to the story of humanity all the way back to Adam
Literary Considerations

Parallelism

Prophecy Fulfillment

Geography
Parallelism

In a verse:

*A bad wife is like a chafing yoke …

Taking hold of her is like grasping a scorpion.*

*(Sirach 26:7)*
Parallelism

In a stanza:

Happy is the husband of a good wife …

(Attributes of a good wife listed) …

Whether rich or poor, his heart is content, and at all times his face is cheerful.

(Sirach 26:1 - 4)
Parallelism

Can also be used to match persons and events in different parts of the narrative, as with Mary.

At the Annunciation: *The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.* (Lk 1:35)

At Pentecost: *And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind ... tongues as of fire ... came to rest on each one of them.* (Acts 2:1-4)
Prophecy

Fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy

Statements within the narrative itself

Jesus predicts His Passion (Lk 9:21,44 and 18:32-33)

Prediction is fulfilled in 24:6-8, 44
Luke’s Use of Geography

Middle 12 chapters are there
Gospel: Action moves toward Jerusalem
Acts: Action moves away from Jerusalem
Jesus Resuscitates the Widow’s Son at Nain (Luke 7:11-17)
Parallelism

Jesus’ Resuscitation of Lk 7:11-17

Peter’s Resuscitation of Dorcas in Acts 9:36-43

Paul’s Resuscitation of Eutychus in Acts 20:7-12
Prophecy Fulfillment

Jesus’ Resuscitation of the Widow’s Son

Messengers from John the Baptist Immediately Following (Lk 17:18-23)

Fulfills “Israel’s Deliverance” of Isaiah 35:1-6
Geography - Jesus

Luke 7:2 - Heals Roman Centurion’s Servant

Luke 7:11-17 - Resuscitation at Nain

Luke 18 - 24 - In Jerusalem
Geography - Peter

Leaves Jerusalem

Heals at Joppa

Transitions to Caesarea to minister to Cornelius, the Centurion
Geography - Paul

Acts 20 - Paul Heals Eutychus on way back to Jerusalem

Lexio Divina

A reflective reading of Scripture or another spiritual text in which we listen more deeply to God. It is spiritual reading at the service of prayer. Union with God is its goal.
Four Attitudes of *Lexio*

Reverence in Reading

Focus: letting our minds rest attentively with the text

Compunction: a sincere love for God and sorrow for our sins

Openness to doing God’s will
Four Steps of *Lexio*

*Lexio*: Quiet repeated reading of the text

*Meditatio*: Reflecting on what has been read

*Oratio*: Praying in response to it

*Contemplatio*: Meditating and resting in God