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Assignment 13

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### **1. What makeup of people did Luke write to?**

Luke wrote his Gospel 1<sup>st</sup> to the gentiles that associated themselves to the synagogues without becoming fully converted to Judaism. These individuals were also known as “devoted ones”, “God-fearers”, “God-lovers”.

### **2. Who was the recipient of the Book of Acts? Explain in detail.**

Theophilus is the person to whom the books of Luke and Acts were written (Luke 1:3; Acts 1:1). However, the exact identity is unknown. Some scholars believe Theophilus was a wealthy relative of Caesar; others, that he was the benefactor who paid for Luke's Doctor Degree; still others, believe that Theophilus was a pseudonym for someone who wanted to remain anonymous; or that Luke wanted to mask his identity with secrecy because of potential persecution.

### **3. What sources did Luke use to compile his gospel? Explain in detail.**

The sources Q and L were used by Luke to write the gospel of Luke and the letters of Acts. According to the two-source hypothesis, Luke had a copy of the Gospel of Mark before him. He used it as a major supplier of traditions about Jesus

**4. Luke omitted some words that Mark used, such as Iscariot, abba, etc. What does this tell us about the audience he was writing to?**

His elegant Greek would give one the notion that Luke's audience were educated

**5. What material in Luke is considered Q?**

Luke incorporated material from the Gospel of Mark in large blocks. Most of the material Luke took from Mark are Luke 6:20-8:3 and 9:51-18:14.

**6. What material in Luke is considered L?**

- Miraculous Catch of fish (Luke 5:1-11)
- Resuscitation of the widow of Nain's son(Luke 7:11-17)
- Healing of the infirm woman (Luke 13:10-17)
- Healing of the two lepers (Luke 17:11-19)
- The two debtors (Luke 7:40-43)
- The good Samaritan (Luke 10:29-37)
- The friend at midnight (Luke 11:5-8)
- The rich fool (Luke 12:13-21)
- The barren fig tree (Luke 13:6-9)
- On building a tower(Luke14:28-30)

**7. Discuss in detail (according to the text) the three divisions of salvation history in the Book of Luke. What period did Luke's community live in?**

Luke conceived of salvation history as divided into three major epochs: the period of Israel which stretched all the way back to creation itself, the period of Jesus which is the period that extended from the descent of the Holy Spirit upon his baptism until his crucifixion, and the period of the church. Of course Luke's community was living in the third period, the period of the church which began with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on believers at Pentacost.,

**8. What about Luke's character that tells us that he was a Hellenistic Christian? What does this mean?**

Luke was a Greek physician. He wrote his gospel as well as concerned of the spiritual needs of his people as well as letting Rome know they did not have no worries from the Christians. Unlike unorthodox Jews, Luke wrote in defense that Jesus Christ was indeed the Messiah.

**9. When did Luke write his gospel? Explain.**

Stress between Christianity and imperial Rome intensified during the reign of the Emperor Domitian (81-96 CE), likely period to date the composition of Luke-Act. That would make this two-volume work roughly contemporaneous with the Gospel of Matthew – which was written 85090 CE.

**10. Why did Luke write this gospel? Explain in detail.**

Luke wrote his Gospel to address the faith needs of his community. They had been using the Gospel of Mark for a while and had found it very helpful.