

# Why Luke?

Sermon Series: **Luke: All Things New**



## Series Goal

That Mercy Hill Church would be made new as we follow the One who is making all things new!



## Key Text

Luke 1:1-4

→ “Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us...”



## Big Idea

This is going to be an exciting journey together :)

### (1) Luke Gives Us Access & Insight into the Whole Canon of Scripture

The canonical reach we are given in this gospel is perhaps unmatched by any other book in the Bible. It connects us in very significant ways to the whole of the Old Testament that came before it, and the whole of the New Testament that comes after it.

### (2) Luke Locates Us (Gentiles) within the Scope of Christ’s Redeeming Work

When we do comparative studies of the gospels, one of Luke’s unique emphases that emerges is his focus on Christ as the universal Savior. We see this in his lengthening of the quote in Luk 3:4-6; in his genealogy of Christ that goes all the way back to Adam (3:38); and in his recording of Jesus’ sending of the seventy (10:1-20).

### (3) Luke Helps Us to Become What We Behold

We become what we behold. This principle is perhaps best articulated by Paul in 2 Cor 3: “...we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another...” (v. 18a). And where do we behold this glory of the Lord? In the face of Christ (4:6). And where do we best see the face of Christ? In the gospels that tell His story. And Luke’s gospel is particularly helpful here because of its connection to his second volume, Acts.

### (4) Luke Equips Us to Confront the Idols of Our City

Luke, more than any other gospel, confronts the particular idols that plague our culture here in San Jose. The theme of reversal is critical to Luke. He goes out of his way to show that, in Christ’s kingdom, it’s the insiders that are out, and the outsiders that are in. Luke emphasizes again and again God’s love for the poor, tax collectors, social outcasts, sinners, women, Samaritans, and Gentiles.



## Critical Action

Let’s read through the pages of this gospel and meet with our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.



## Reflection Questions

- Have you read through the book of Luke before? What do you remember from it? What teachings, stories, parables have stood out? Why would you be excited about studying it?
- How would it affect you to rest right now in the fact that Christ lived, died, and rose for you?
- What have you been beholding lately? How have you seen yourself become less human as you’ve pursued something less than God? How will Luke’s gospel help us in the fight?
- Read the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector (Luk 18:9-14). Which side are you on? How are you tempted to pursue being an insider in the world’s kingdom? How does this parable help reorient you?