

## ONLY IN LUKE

Luke gives us the most complete coverage of Jesus' birth.

Only Luke (out of all the gospel writers) includes the details of John the Baptist's unusual birth (1:5-25, 57-80).

Only Luke tells of Mary's visit from the angel Gabriel (1:26-38), Mary's journey to see her relative Elizabeth (1:39-56), Jesus' birth in a stable, and the shepherds' visit (2:1-20).

Only Luke gives us the details of Jesus' circumcision and presentation to God in the temple (2:21-38). Jesus' visit to the temple at age twelve is recorded in no other gospel (2:41-52).

Luke is very careful to link events in the life of Jesus with political rulers and world events (see 2:1-3; 3:1-2).

Luke alone gives us some of Jesus' most vivid parables: the good Samaritan (10:25-37), the rich fool (12:13-21), the prodigal son (15:11-32), the scheming manager (16:1-13), and the rich man and Lazarus (16:19-31).

Only Luke records Jesus weeping over Jerusalem (19:41) and an angel coming to strengthen him in the Garden of Gethsemane (22:43).

Luke pictures Jesus in prayer more than any other gospel writer. At every major crisis, Jesus prayed.

Luke highlights Jesus' interest and attention toward women and children.

Luke alone tells the story of Jesus' appearance after his resurrection to two of his followers who were traveling to the town of Emmaus (24:13-35).