Luke
Theme: Jesus as Saving Son of Man

Outline:
I. Birth of the Son of Man  Luke 1-2
II. Ministry of the Son of Man  Luke 4-19
III. Sacrifice of the Son of Man  Luke 20-24

Content Summary: As part one of a full account, Luke gives the reader assurance of what he already knows about Jesus Christ, as it reveals the ministry and teaching of the Son of Man who brought salvation to sinners just as God had foreordained and was affirmed by eye witnesses. Luke illustrates Jesus’ great compassion for the lost, women, sinners, tax-collectors, children, Israel, Gentiles and societal outcasts. And it gives Christians a scholarly, information-packed travelogue of His final journey to Jerusalem as everything was pointing toward the cross and what the Son of Man would sacrifice to redeem sinners who would believe.

Key Chapters:
2    Immanuel, God born to be with us in human flesh
4    Jesus’ early Galilean ministry
7    Jesus’ ministry in the cities
12   Lessons on hypocrisy, materialism, worry and division
23-24 Jesus’ death and resurrection; road to Emmaus

Key Passages:
1:1-4 “Having investigated everything...so you may know the truth”
9:51 Jesus 'sets his face' toward Jerusalem
18:9-14 Tax collector exemplifies true faith and repentance
18:31-33 Jesus prepares to depart for Jerusalem
19:10 “Son of Man has come to seek and save the lost”
22:14-22 New Covenant instituted

Key People:
Zacharias:   Priest, parent of John the Baptist with Elizabeth
Elizabeth:     Mary’s cousin, John the Baptist’s mother
Mary:   Mother of Jesus by the Holy Spirit, married to Joseph
Gabriel:   Angel who announced births of John and Jesus
Zacchaeus:  Repentant little tax collector
Martha:   Sister of Mary and Lazarus
Mary:       Sister of Martha and Lazarus

Structure of the Book

I. The Preface: Written to assure of the truth (1:1-4)

II. The Prologue: Announcements, birth, childhoods of John and Jesus (1:5-2:52)

III. The Body: The Public Ministry of the Saving Son of Man [The Deeds and Discourses of Jesus] (3:1-23:38)

   A. The Son of Man’s Ministry in Galilee (3:1-9:50)
      1. Preparation for Ministry (3:1-4:13)
      2. Revelation of Jesus (4:14-9:50)

   B. The Son of Man’s Ministry on the Way to Jerusalem (9:51-19:27)
      1. The Duties of His Disciples (9:51-13:21)
      2. The People Who Are His Disciples (13:22-17:10)
      3. The Future of His Disciples (17:11-19:27)

   C. The Ministry of the Son of Man in Jerusalem (19:28-21:38)
      2. Predictions of Jerusalem (21:5-38)

III. The Epilogue: the Son of Man’s Betrayal, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension (22:1-24:53)

Other Notes:
1. **The Sovereign Plan of God**

2. **Savior** — That Jesus is Savior and Lord on a redemptive mission is emphasized in Luke/Acts.

3. **The Power of God**


9. **The Outcasts of Society**

9. **The Temple**

**Purpose of Luke**

Gentile Christians that heard the Gospel from Paul's mission to them, can know the Word taught to them was absolutely true—that Jesus Christ is the Lord and Savior in accordance with God’s plan to establish His kingdom.

**Other Notes:**