

LUKE (volume II, Acts, below)

from *Written to be Heard*

Message #1: Israel Is Delivered! “*God has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.*”

1. Angel to Zechariah: “to turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God.” 1.8
2. Angel to Mary: “He will reign over the house of Jacob forever”; his kingdom, no end. 1.33
3. Mary to Elizabeth: “[God] has helped his servant Israel in remembrance of his mercy. 1.54
4. Zechariah’s prophecy: “[God] has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.” 1.68
5. Angels to Shepherds: “Glory to God in highest heaven”/ on earth/peace to the favored! 2.14
6. Simeon to God: “[Israel] a light for revelation to gentiles/for glory to your people Israel” 1.29
7. --to Mary: Jesus “destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel.” 2.34
8. John, quoting Isaiah: “Prepare the way....All flesh shall see the salvation of God.” 3.4-6)
9. Jesus, quoting Isaiah: “...to proclaim release/...[and] the year of the Lord’s favor.” 4.18-19
10. Jesus’s sermon on the plain: The Law, “Do to others as you would have them do to you.” 6.20-49

Message #2: To be saved, “strive to enter through the narrow door” of the kingdom. (13.24)

The Teaching Section, 9.51-19.44

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Message #3: “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood” (22.20).

“*New covenant*” (a) The Law clarified (chart); (b) Empowerment to obey—Holy Spirit (Acts!)

ACTS (volume II of Luke-Acts)

Message #4: Israel is redeemed—by the thousands upon thousands upon thousands.

- Simeon spoke of the “rising of many in Israel”: it comes true! (Acts 2.41, 4.4, 21.20)
- Only at story’s end does Paul (& redeemed Israel) turn exclusively to the Gentiles (28.23-28)

Message #5: Believers teach what Jesus taught, *repentance*; and his *resurrection*, *Holy Spirit*

The 3 things Jesus wanted emphasized (Lk 24.44-49) are indeed the focus of 18 speeches.

Message #6: The kingdom comes: what the gatherings (*ekklesia*) looked like!

- “All who believed...had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need...everything owned was held in common.”
- “There was not a needy person among them....” Money and possessions were “distributed to each as any had need” (2.44-45; 4.32-25).