

COURSE SYLLABUS

The Gospel of Luke

Course Lecturer: Darrell L. Bock, PhD

Course Description

At the heart of Luke's gospel are questions about God's plan, His Messiah, and the emerging new community of Gentile Christians. In this course, Dr. Bock highlights these and other significant theological themes found in the gospel of Luke. Learners complete a textual examination of the gospel of Luke and its message by working through the argument of Luke at one chapter per lecture. Dr. Bock's purpose is to show "how Jesus' life, teaching, death, and resurrection actually reflect divine events fulfilled among us" (Luke 1:1). The course enables you to prepare this narrative material for teaching in ministry, and to apply the message of Luke to life.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, you should be able to do the following:

- Trace the argument of the gospel through its narrative units.
- Interpret any specific narrative material found in Luke and isolate the key theological themes it teaches.
- Communicate the message of a passage that is accurate to the text and relevant to a contemporary audience.
- Identify ways of applying the lessons of the gospel of Luke to your life and ministry.

Course Lecturer



Darrell L. Bock, PhD

Education:

- University of Tübingen, postgraduate work on the book of Luke
- University of Aberdeen, Scotland, PhD
- Dallas Theological Seminary, ThM
- University of Texas, BA

Teaching Career:

- Research Professor of New Testament Studies, Dallas Theological Seminary since 1982 – special fields of study include the use of the Old Testament in the New and Luke-Acts
- Professor of Spiritual Development and Culture, Dallas Theological Seminary's Center for Christian Leadership

- Guest lecturer or adjunct professor at more than 50 institutions including Reformed Theological Seminary, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Westminster Seminary in California, Southern Seminary, the University of Michigan, and the Seminario Teologico Centro Americano

Other Career Highlights:

- Editor at large for *Christianity Today*
- Board of Chosen People Ministries
- Offered theological background information for a variety of publications and TV shows including *Dateline*, *Good Morning America*, *20/20*, CNN, *Anderson Cooper 360*, *The O'Reilly Factor*, NPR, the BBC Network, the Australian Broadcasting Company, *Nightlight*, *Day of Discovery*, and the *Washington Post*
- Participant in the Lausanne Conference (2008)
- Speaker at the Lausanne Conference on Jewish Evangelism (2007)
- President of the Evangelical Theological Society (2001)
- *Bibliotheca Sacra* Editorial Advisory Board (1991-1993)
- Leader of seminars across Europe, specifically in Hungary and internationally has lectured across Asia, Europe, and the Middle East

Recommended Reading

Though not required, it is suggested that you have both a technical commentary and a more popular commentary on the Gospel of Luke. These can be selected from the following list. If you do not know Greek, then you can select two popular commentaries and need not have a technical one.

1. Popular Commentaries

Bock, Darrell L. *Luke (The NIV Application Commentary)*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1996.

Evans, C.A., *Luke (New International Biblical Commentary)*. Peabody, MA: Hendricksen, 1990.

Tiede, D. *Luke (ACNT)*. Minneapolis: Augsburg Publishing House, 1988.

2. Technical Commentaries

Fitzmyer, J.A., *The Gospel According to St. Luke*. 2 volumes. Anchor Bible Commentary, 28, 28a. Garden City, NY: Doubleday & Co., 1981, 1985.

Marshall, I. Howard, *Commentary on Luke, New International Greek New Testament*. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans, 1978.

Bock, Darrell L., *Baker's Exegetical New Testament Commentary*, 2 Volumes. Grand Rapids: Baker Publishing House, (after 1993).

Textbooks can be ordered through your local bookstore, various online bookstores, or through your preferred eReader when available.

Course Methods

The lecture content for each lesson is provided in two easy-to-use formats: audio and PDF text (if available). Students can choose the medium (or combination of media) that most closely aligns with their individual learning styles.

Course Assessment and Requirements

To earn a Certificate of Completion, you must complete the course requirements. Course requirements include:

1. Listening to all 24 audio lectures.
2. Completing a final self-assessment form in which you will reflect on the content in the course and evaluate your life in light of what you have learned. The specifics of this assessment are provided in the course materials.

Course requirements noted in this syllabus will be validated before a Certificate of Completion is awarded to any student.