**The Gospel according to St Luke**

**“The Gospel of the Holy Spirit”**

**Author: Luke the Beloved Physician. Companion to Paul on some of his journeys. 2Tim 4:11; Philemon 24; Col 4:14.**

**Luke wrote two volumes his Gospel and The Acts of the Apostles**

**Date: could be as early as 65AD or as late as 75-80AD**

**Characteristics**

**Written at a time of Christian persecution Concerned with the powerful and wealthy.**

**Jesus is presented as concerned for the marginalised and out cast. Ch 7:37; 14:15; 15:1; 19:1-10.**

**Importance given to women who at the time had no legal rights no place in society. Ch 7:11; 8:1-2; 10:38-42; 21:1-4; 23:50-24:11.**

**Teaching on prayer 11:5-9; 18:1-8,9-14 also note the canticles.**

**The expectation of an imminent Parousia is replaced by continuing history of redemption e.g.Ch 19:11**

**The Gospel begins and ends in Jerusalem**

**Historical**

**Luke tries to fix dates Luke 2:1;3:1.**

**The Gospel is for all mankind not just Jews Ch 2:14,32; 3:6; 4:16-30; 7:9; 9:52; 10:30-35; 17:12; 24:47**

**Sophisticated Greek style**

**Structure: Begins The spirit of the Lord is upon me Luke 4:18 quote from Isaiah.**

**Action of the Spirit in Chapters 1&2, Jesus is guided by the spirit Ch 3:22; 4:1, 18; 10:21. At the moment of death Ch23:46; After the resurrection Ch24:49**