

Luke Part 1 of 2: Who is this Man Who Forgives Sins?
Lesson 1a: **Luke 1** “Context and Content”
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1. First, simply read Luke chapter 1 prayerfully and thoughtfully. Take your time. Note the paragraph divisions. Now, make a note of the subject or theme covered in each paragraph. Do this, either in the margins of your Bible (in pencil?) or on a separate sheet of paper.
2. Mark each reference to each of the following persons including pronouns and synonyms. Next, as you observe the people, mark each reference to *whens* and *wheres*. On a separate sheet, record all key information about each person.
 - a. *Zacharias*
 - b. *Elizabeth*
 - c. *Mary*
 - d. *Zacharias' son John*
 - e. *Jesus*
 - f. *And When?*
3. Now, focus on just the first four verses of Luke. What purpose do these verses serve? What do you learn from them and why is it important? What does it tell you about this Gospel account?
4. Look up the definition of “*consecutive order*” in Greek word study tools. Note here what you learn and how it impacts your study of the Gospel of Luke.
5. Take note of each time the following words are used in Luke 1. Don't overlook their synonyms and pronouns. These are either repeated words or key words to our understanding of Luke. Look up any that you could not define for someone else.
 - a. *righteous*
 - b. *temple*
 - c. *prayer* or *petition*
 - d. *Holy Spirit*
 - e. *bondslave*
 - f. *salvation*
 - g. *sin*
6. Reflect on your study thus far in Luke 1. What is most memorable of what you've learned? What truth most impacted your life?