

Daily Homily
St. Luke, Evangelist
Feast

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Today is the Feast of St. Luke... the Gospel writer.

His is a two volume work... The Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. In the Gospel he offers the person of Jesus in such a way that he wants to draw people into Jesus' life so that they can make a stance to believe in him or not. In the Acts of the Apostles, he shows how belief in Jesus makes a difference in people's lives... whether it be in the individual apostles lives and their ongoing activity after the Resurrection or the life of families as they come to believe in Jesus or in communities as a whole as they take on the life and spirit of Christianity.

Luke was writing primarily for Gentiles, non-Jews. So he emphasizes many aspects of Jesus that the other Gospels don't necessarily have to emphasize, since their audience was much different. But Luke's Gospel is known as:

- The Gospel of Mercy... Jesus invited all people into his message... Samaritans, lepers, soldiers, women, children, the poor. All are invited on Jesus' terms.
- The Gospel of Universal Salvation... Jesus came for everyone and Jesus died for everyone and Jesus includes everyone into his Kingdom.
- The Gospel of the Poor... the main characters that come forward with Jesus are the "little people," the marginalized whom Jesus raises up and honors.
- The Gospel of Prayer and the Works of the Holy Spirit... Jesus prays a lot in Luke's Gospel and the involvement of the Holy Spirit is strung throughout his work.

So we honor St. Luke today... as he presents to us Jesus, in inspired word to inspire our lives to inspire within us a deep faith.