



## Sermon Notes

**Term** – Autumn 2019

**Series** – Luke

**Gathering & Date** – the 10, 29 September

**Title** – The Gospel of Luke – an Overview

**Preacher** – Paul Langham

**Reading** – Luke 1:1-7

**\*\* Please read Luke 1 & 2 ahead of the 10 on 6 October \*\***

**++ Please use the attached Power Point slides with these notes ++**

**Main message of this talk in one sentence** – God sees, God hears, God remembers, God cares

### **Questions** –

We saw that ‘gospel’ comes from the Greek word ‘evangel’ (or ‘euangelion’), from which we get

- Evangelical
- Evangelism

What do these two words mean?

Can we trust the gospels? How would answer someone who asked that question?

How many themes that Paul identified in Luke can you remember?

What did you make of the ‘symmetry’ in the 10 stories Luke includes in chapters 1 & 2? [This is based on work done by David Gooding in his commentary ‘According to Luke’]

How significant are the similarities between the first 2 chapters of Exodus and the opening chapters of the New Testament?

*<sup>23</sup> During that long period, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God. <sup>24</sup> God **heard** their groaning and he **remembered** his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. <sup>25</sup> So God **looked** on the Israelites and was **concerned** about them. Exodus 2*

*<sup>8-9</sup> The priests drew lots to see who would burn incense in the Temple, and one day, a day like any other, Zechariah was chosen for this duty. <sup>10</sup> People were gathered outside as usual, praying. <sup>11</sup> Without warning an angel appeared in the temple. <sup>12</sup> Zechariah nearly jumped out of his skin with fright, <sup>13</sup> but the angel said, ‘It’s all right, Zechariah, there’s nothing to fear. God has **heard** your prayers. Elizabeth will have a baby boy; name him John. Luke 1 (Who?)*

Talk about the God who – sees, hears, remembers, cares ... what do you do if that’s not how it feels at the moment? How can you support one another through times when it feels as though you are invisible to, unheard, forgotten and uncared for by God?

We’ll learn some answers to that next week as we look at the story of Zechariah and Elizabeth.