

This quarter looks at the middle section of Luke’s Gospel. Last winter we looked at the first section, which includes Jesus’ birth and childhood then focuses on Jesus’ ministry in Galilee.

Luke 9:51 marks the transition: “When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.” Most of the action remains in Galilee but it’s now emphasized that Jesus has a date with destiny in Jerusalem.

Continue to watch for these ongoing themes: the kingdom of God, the prevalence of prayer, the work of the Holy Spirit, the lordship of Christ, warnings against materialism, and the call to salvation. Another common theme is the great reversal, i.e., the last shall be first. We’ll look at many parables only recorded in this Gospel and these themes are reprised many times.

Thank you again to our quarterly writers. We welcome two new writers: Bruce Reye, pastor of the Chapel Hill Church of God near Urbana, Ohio, and Dr. Joe Martin, Chief Administrative Officer of the General Conference and president of Atlanta Bible College. Great to have you both on board.

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