

The Difference the Spirit Makes

Five truths in Luke 1-4:

1. The story of Jesus is not _____.

[Luke 1:1-4; 3:1](#)

2. God's silence is not _____.

[Luke 1:6-7](#)

3. Your _____ is not as important as your _____.

[Luke 1:46-53; 3:8-9](#)

4. Clarity comes from _____ with God.

[Luke 4:42-43](#)

5. The Holy Spirit enables _____ people to do _____ things.

[Luke 1:15, 35, 41, 67; 2:25-27](#)

Luke 3:21-22: When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened **22** and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Luke 4:1: Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness....

Luke 4:14: Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit....

Luke 4:18: "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor."

[Philippians 2:6-7](#)

Luke 3:16: "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

[Acts 1:4-8; 2:1-4](#)

[1 Corinthians 12:13](#)

Transformed by the Truth

Questions for Reflection & Discussion

1. How much of Luke 1-4 have you read (see "Reading Plan" on the White Pine app)? Which of the verses you read are most helpful to you right now? Why?

2. Highlight every use of the word "Spirit" in Luke 1-4. What are some common denominators among those who are anointed with or filled with the Holy Spirit?

3. Read Luke 4:1, 14 and 18. Why do you think Luke emphasizes the role of the Holy Spirit in the life and ministry of Jesus? Do you think it has relevance to your life? Why or why not?

4. What did the Holy Spirit help Jesus to do in Luke 4? How do you need the Spirit's help in your life right now?

5. Read Luke 3:16 and 1 Corinthians 12:13. Do you believe the Spirit of God lives in you? If so, do you believe His power has been fully activated in your life? How do you think you can increase the power the Spirit in your life?
