Gospel of Luke-Jesus Essay
Choose one of the options below as the subject of your Essay

Option 1

Choose one of the parables unique to Luke's Gospel below:

The two debtors 7:41-43
The good Samaritan 10:30-37
Friend at midnight 11:5-8
Rich fool 12:16-21
Severe and light beatings 12:47-48
Barren tree 13:6-9
Lowest seat at the banquet 14:7-14
Excuses for not attending a banquet 14:16-24
Building a tower 14:28-30
Waging war 14:31-32
Lost coin 15:8-10
Prodigal son 15:11-32
Shrewd manager 16:1-9
Rich man and Lazarus 16:19-31
Slave serves the master 17:7-10
Widow and judge 18:2-5
Pharisee and tax collector 18:10-14

Read through the parable several times becoming familiar with the characters, the movement of the story and the 'teaching moment(s).' Then pray and ponder the relevance of this parable in your own life. Use these questions to help you write your essay:

What parable did you choose? What is it about? What meaning does it have to you? Can you share an example of a current event or occasion when the parable was relevant to you? Include how this parable from Luke's Gospel can teach us today.

Option 2

Choose one of the Scripture stories listed below that are unique to Luke's Gospel:

Promised birth of John 1:1-4
Announcement of Jesus' birth to Mary 1:26-38
Mary's visit to Elizabeth 1:39-56
Birth of John the Baptist 1:57-80
Birth of Jesus 2:1-20
Presentation in temple 2:21-38
Childhood visit to Jerusalem 2:41-52
Good news to the poor 4:14-23, 25-30
Miraculous catch of fish 5:1-11
Raising of widow's son at Nain 7:11-17
Encounter with homeless woman 7:36-50
Rejection by Samaritan village 9:51-56
Return of the seventy 10:17-20
Mary and Martha 10:38-42
Healing of crippled woman 13:10-17
Healing of man with dropsy 14:1-6
Cleansing of ten lepers 17:11-19
Story of Zacchaeus 19:1-10
Jesus weeps over Jerusalem 19:41-44
Reason for Peter's denial 22:31-32
Jesus before Herod 23:6-12
Pilate declares Jesus innocent 23:13-16
Jesus on the road to Emmaus 24:13-35
Jesus appears to disciples 24:36-39
Jesus' ascension 24:50-53

Read over your selection several times to familiarize yourself with the story and characters. Now ponder that you are present in the story as either a main character, secondary character or even a bystander.

Recreate the story, with you in it. Include your observations of the events and your reflections as a witness. Why do you think this story was included in Scripture?