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The gospels were written between 70-100 AD by evangelists anonymously. The Gospels got named Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Luke's gospel is split into three stages. The first stage is the life and teachings of Jesus. He taught the people through short stories called parables. He also taught through miracles to prove that he is the son of God. The second stage is the oral tradition. This is about the apostles going out and telling people Jesus and his teachings after he died. Stage three is about the written gospels about Jesus' teachings. The gospel of Luke is thought to be written by a gentile Christian for Christians and gentiles, who are non-Jewish people. It was written so that people now days can read and hear about Jesus. Luke's gospel is about love it has happy themes throughout it. In Luke's gospel Jesus is shown as a teacher. There are many Key messages in the gospel of Luke. A very big key message is the theme of love and it is found throughout the gospel of Luke. One of these key messages in Luke's gospel is Jesus teaching us to pray and talk to God. Another message in the gospel of Luke is mercy and forgiveness.

Although there are many messages throughout the Gospel of Luke. Two key messages in this gospel are prayer and love. One of these key messages in the gospel of Luke is that Jesus wanted us to pray. *"... when you pray say: 'Father, hallowed be your name'..."* (Luke 11:2) Jesus gave us the prayer Our Father so that we could learn how to pray properly. He uses it to teach us to pray to God, who is our father. Prayer connects to Catholicism because Jesus would want us to pray. He wanted us to talk to God and ask him for things, this can also lead to us praying for personal things that we may need or be worried about. The belief is that we should use prayer to talk to God and we can practice this by prayers like the Our Father. At our school we do this by saying the Our Father in liturgies and masses, we also sometimes say this prayer in our RST classes to start class.

Another key message in the gospel of Luke is love, Jesus wanted us to love God and our neighbours. *"He answered, 'you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself'"* (Luke 10:27) Jesus wants us to love our neighbours as much as we love ourselves. Our neighbours are not just those who are near us, they are everybody. Jesus wanted us to love everybody. He also wants us to love our God with our heart, soul, strength and mind meaning we should love God in every way we can. Ways we can show our love for God is by going to church and being kind and helpful to those who need it.

In society today we still follow messages in the Bible even though it is so old. We can still relate the bible to the present day as we still have people who are poor and people who are marginalized. In 2024 we have organizations that are from the catholic faith, These are Caritas, St Vincent De Paul and the Catholic Social Teachings.

St Vincent de Paul is a catholic society in New Zealand who carry out actions from the gospel of Luke. Their Vision is *"To live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy, and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society."* - St Vincent De Paul, New Zealand. This is showing how they are living the teachings of Jesus in Luke's gospel by the key messages like loving the poor. They have a belief of helping others, they do this by going out and helping the poor by having shops with secondhand stuff for people who might not have enough money to afford to buy new things. As Catholics we can help this charity by donating our clothes and

toys, that we don't use anymore to the St Vincent De Paul shops. We also could volunteer some of our time to work at the shops.

Caritas is another Catholic organization who live out Lukes's gospel by helping those who need it most. *"Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand will be known as love in action. We unite with communities, especially in the parishes, colleges, marae, religious orders and schools of Aotearoa and Oceania to overcome poverty, protect lives and relieve suffering."* (Caritas 2021) This quote is showing how Caritas are living out Lukes gospel by love. They are doing this by acts service helping those in need in communities in both Aotearoa New Zealand and Oceania. They are living out the gospel by helping those in poverty and help those who are suffering. Our school can help by donating money to the charity, purchasing from the Caritas canteen at interval and lunch, participating or watching air bands, and donating for gold coin mufti days

In conclusion the gospel of Luke is spilt up in to three stages, the life and teachings of Jesus, the oral tradition and the written gospels. Lukes's gospel also has many messages throughout it that we still can relate to as Catholics today. We can see how the message of love is important to Catholics today. We can do this by loving everyone and God. We can also see how Jesus' message to pray is still relevant in the present day. We use prayers that Jesus taught us to pray like the Our Father. As Catholics we still follow Jesus' Missions. We have organizations like Caritas and St Vincent De Paul. These charities are living out the gospel of Luke by following some of the key messages in the gospel. We can help these charities by donating to them or helping them out. Although the Bible is very old, we can still relate the gospels to our life in the present and use Jesus' teachings to our lives today.