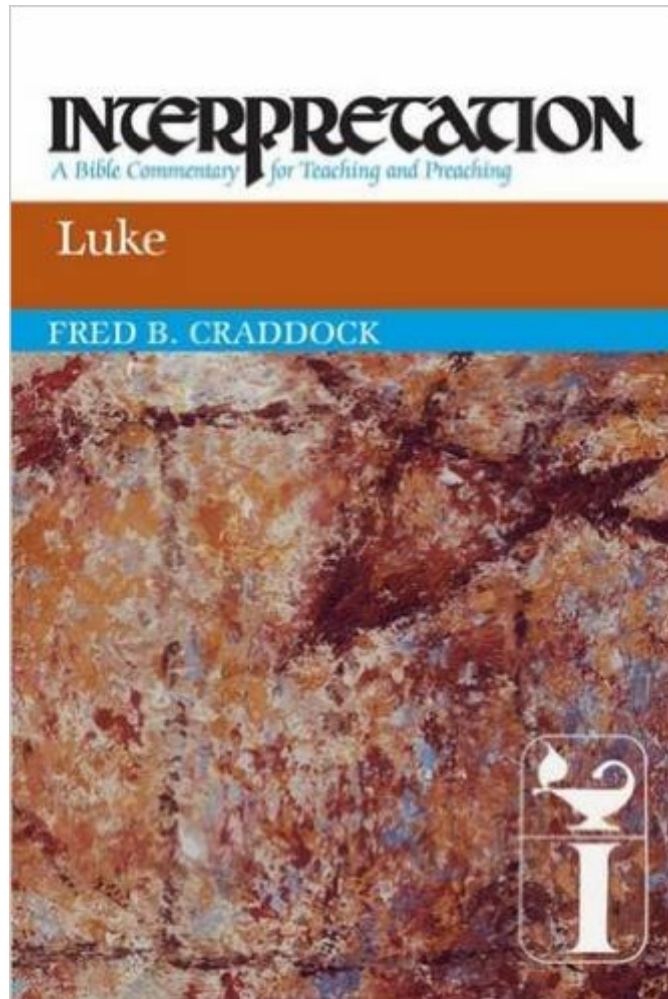


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# Luke: Interpretation: A Bible Commentary For Teaching And Preaching



## Synopsis

Using Luke's own prologue as the guideline for his commentary, Fred B. Craddock calls attention to the continuities between Jesus and his heritage in Judaism and the church after him. Like Luke, Craddock assumes the reader is not only a believer but also a leader in the community of faith. Interpretation: A Bible Commentary for Teaching and Preaching is a distinctive resource for those who interpret the Bible in the church. Planned and written specifically for teaching and preaching needs, this critically acclaimed biblical commentary is a major contribution to scholarship and ministry.

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Luke Interpretation: A Bible Commentary for Teaching and Preaching is a distinctive look at Christ's life and mission, and the author is very careful to highlight how the reader cannot fully appreciate this book without also looking forward to the Book of Acts, also written by Luke. As a result, as Craddock intelligently describes, the Hebrew Scriptures are what come before, and the mission of the church in Acts is what comes after. "Christ as described in the Book of Luke stands as a mediator between the two. Luke is often regarded as the "Gospel for the Gentiles" but Braddock does a wonderful job of illustrating how the Physician incorporates the Old Hebrew texts into his book to reveal exactly how the central tenets of Judaism are revealed through Christ. The reader subsequently steps away from the commentary with the understanding that modern

Judaism's beef is not with Christ or Christians, but instead with Judaism itself. This fact forms one of the foundations of the book, and the author makes frequent reference and provides examples throughout the text. Some notable highlights of this book include the author's discussion of the concept of the parable, the Pharisees, the reinterpretation of the story of the prodigal son into the "loving father," the three parables of joy (pg. 183), and the proper eschatological conclusions (inversion) to be observed in the eventual kingdom of God. This is the 9th volume in the Interpretation series that I have read, and the series in general has proven to be an invaluable resource. To those who wish to dig deeper for exegesis, prepare a sermon, teach a class, or generally increase their biblical knowledge, Luke Interpretation will serve you well.

Dr. Craddock was my Professor in Seminary, in the reading of the pericopes and what Dr. Craddock has to say were direct quotes or points of focus during the classes he taught. Very thorough and reflects the author's vast knowledge of the subject. If you like this commentary look at the Peoples New Testament Commentary, co-authored by M. Eugene Boring who taught with Dr. Craddock. These are excellent resource materials for the serious Bible student.

THIS BOOK IS A CLEAR AND CONCISE ACCOUNT OF THE GOSPEL OF LUKE. IT IS RECOMMENDED FOR BOTH THE TEACHER AND THE PREACHER, AND ESPECIALLY FOR THE STUDENT OF THE BIBLE. PASTOR

Things by Fred Craddock are normally fantastic and this commentary is no exception for me.

An accessible and penetrating commentary.

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