



## THE BIBLE IN VERSE

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### LUKE

#### CHAPTERS 1 TO 24

##### Chapter 1

Old Zacharias is promised a son;  
Through unbelief, he is left smitten dumb.  
Mary is chosen to mother the Lord.  
John is delivered, the Spirit outpoured.

##### Chapter 2

Mary, at Bethlehem, brings forth a Son,  
Lays in a manger; redemption's begun.  
Jesus conceived by the blest Holy Ghost.  
Shepherds are told by the Heavenly Host.

##### Chapter 3

John comes to Jordan, his work to begin,  
Preaching repentance, baptizing for sin.  
Jesus comes forth and of John is baptized.  
Then genealogy, Adam to Christ.

##### Chapter 4

Jesus is hungry, is tempted and spurred,  
Overcomes Satan by quoting the Word.  
Rudely rejected by those of His town,  
Healing with power, He gathers renown.

##### Chapter 5

Great draught of fishes; the leper is healed.  
Palsied is lifted, forgiveness revealed.  
Jesus is pleased with the sinner to dine.  
Parable told of the garment and wine.

##### Chapter 6

Withered is healed, and the Master is blamed.  
Twelve, called apostles, are chosen and named.  
Blessed are you who are poor in this life.  
Live without hope; the reward will suffice.

##### Chapter 7

Servant of soldier is freed from his bed.  
Young man at Nain is raised from the dead.  
John sends to Jesus to lessen his fears.  
Woman suffuses His feet with her tears.

##### Chapter 8

Parable told of the sower of seed.  
Man, of a legion of devils, is freed.  
Woman is healed, who for twelve years had bled.  
Twelve-year-old maiden is raised from the dead.

##### Chapter 9

Twelve go to preach in this first little bunch.  
Five thousand feed on an infinite lunch.  
Jesus is changed, is in glistening white.  
Troublesome devil is forced to take flight.

##### Chapter 10

Seventy more are sent forth, two by two,  
Being instructed of Christ what to do.  
Lawyer brings questions, is arrogant, bold.  
Story of friendly Samaritan told.

### **Chapter 11**

Jesus instructs His Disciples in prayer;  
Importune strongly; the answer is there.  
Spirit, cast out, wanders lonely and cold,  
Gets seven more, and returns to the fold.

### **Chapter 12**

Jesus expounds on the way we should live;  
Fear the Creator; be ready to give;  
Riches and blasphemy, flowers and cares;  
Watch for the Master who comes unawares.

### **Chapter 13**

Parable told of the profitless tree.  
Woman of binding affliction set free.  
Door being shut, it's forever too late.  
Jesus is moved by Jerusalem's fate.

### **Chapter 14**

Dropsy is healed at a Pharisee's place.  
Start at the top, finish up in disgrace.  
Supper is ready, but men spurn the call.  
Price of discipleship: absolute all!

### **Chapter 15**

Parable told of the ninety and nine.  
Silver is sought till the owner does find.  
Prodigal son goes away and returns;  
Father is thankful, but elder son burns.

### **Chapter 16**

Profitless steward commended by Lord.  
Sin of adultery strongly deplored.  
Beggar and rich man displayed where they dwell;  
Beggar in Paradise; rich man in Hell.

### **Chapter 17**

Woe to the man who so rudely offends.  
Only one grateful, of ten lepers cleansed.  
Kingdom of God is deep down in your heart.  
Ever be ready, and free to depart.

### **Chapter 18**

Parables told of the judge and his way;  
Pharisee, publican, standing to pray.  
Rich men are caught in a desperate plight.  
Blind man by wayside is given his sight.

### **Chapter 19**

Little Zacchaeus with vigor abounds.  
Parable told of the servants and pounds.  
Jesus rides up, o'er Jerusalem grieves,  
Cleanses the temple, ejecting the thieves.

### **Chapter 20**

Jesus is quick with a stunning reply.  
Parable told of the husbandmen sly.  
Give Caesar Caesar's, and give God His own.  
In the hereafter there's no wedding known.

### **Chapter 21**

Widow's two mites have a value supreme.  
Future unfolds like a horrible dream.  
Parable told of the trees turning green.  
Watch and be ready; be prayed-up and clean.

### **Chapter 22**

Tragedy now enters in like a flood.  
Jesus perspires, as it were, drops of blood.  
Judas betrays his dear Lord for a price.  
Peter, the weakling, denies Jesus thrice.

### **Chapter 23**

Pilate and Herod are this day agreed.  
Jesus is crucified; sinner is freed.  
Earth is in darkness; the veil is torn.  
Body of Jesus, to sepulchre borne.

### **Chapter 24**

Women come early, but Jesus is gone.  
Jesus appears as two travel along.  
Back in Jerusalem, Jesus eats meat.  
Jesus ascends, but their joy is complete.