

**Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"**  
**"Faith In Facts Or Feelings"**  
**Luke 1:1-4**  
**Study-1**

**Postmodernism** - No such thing as absolute truth. Rather, truth is personal and subjective – I have my truth and you have your truth.

**Why are there Four Gospels? Why didn't God give to us just one account of the life of Jesus Christ? (Only 1 Gospel, 4 Vantage Points) John 21:25**

**Matthew, Mark, and Luke** are called the "**Synoptic Gospels**" *Synoptic* is made up of two Greek words meaning, "to see" and "together"

**Matthew** - was written to the Jews. The theme is "**Jesus Christ King of The Jews**"

**Mark** - was written to the Romans. The theme is "**The Servant Who Rules**"

**Luke** - was written to the Greeks. The theme is "**Jesus The Perfect Man**"

**John** – Written to Gentiles and Christians that we might believe. The Theme is "**The Deity of Jesus Christ**"

**Author:** Luke the beloved physician. He was a traveling companion of Paul's.

**Colossians 4:14** Luke stayed with Paul to the end, his death **2 Timothy 4:11**

**Luke is the only gospel writer who did not know Jesus physically. Of all the writers of the NT, Luke is the only Gentile.** Paul gives a list of Jews and Luke is not in that list.  
**Colossians 4:11**

This gospel of Luke and Acts were written by the same person, and written to the same person, Theophilus. **Luke 1:3; Acts 1:1**

**Written To:** The Greeks. Luke being a Gentile writes to Gentiles (Greeks) to explain Jesus.

• Luke was a respected physician. **Colossians 4:14** refers to him as "the beloved physician." Luke acts like a doctor - **Luke 4:23, 38; 5:12; 8:43; 13:11; 22:44** **Luke the Physician Historian, Theologian.**

• Luke goes out of his way to show the gospel is for every class, nation, race, generation and gender.

**Theme Of Luke:** Jesus Christ The Perfect Man, The one that the Greeks have longed to be like has come. **Son of Man/Son of God.**

We note that 50% of Luke's content is found exclusively in this gospel. Matthew, 40% and Mark, 10%. Mark was written first then pulled from.

## **Purpose Of Luke: “Knowing The Exact Truth About Jesus Christ”**

**When Luke Was Written:** The date for the Gospel of Luke: Was probably written 60 AD.

**Key Words:** Love – 51X, Luke mentions no less than 28 individual, groups, or types of women (15 out of 100 verses). Son of Man – 25X, sinners – 16X, Salvation – 6X

**Key Chapter:** Luke 15 The three parables of the **Lost Sheep, Lost Coin, Lost Son**. Jesus came to seek and to save that which is lost.

**Key Passage:** Luke 19:10

### **Outline:**

- 1. Luke 1:1-4:13 The Introduction Of The Son Of Man:**
- 2. Luke 4:14-9:50 The Ministry Of The Son Of Man:**
- 3. Luke 9:51-19:27 The Rejection Of The Son Of Man:**
- 4. Luke 19:28-24:53 The Crucifixion And Resurrection Of The Son Of Man:**

**Luke 1:1-4 Luke’s Prologue (Forward, Introduction) Purpose and the source.**  
(One sentence in the Greek, capable of classic Greek)

**Thought of Our Passage:** “We Can Trust The Historical Gospel Message Because It Is Verifiable, Orderly, And It Is Certain.”

- 1. Verse 1 Gospel Message Is Historical**
- 2. Verse 2 Gospel Message Is Verifiable**
- 3. Verse 3 Gospel Message Is Orderly**
- 4. Verse 4 Gospel Message Is Certain**

1. Verse 1 Gospel Message Is Historical

**Luke 1:1 Inasmuch** - which conveys accuracy and can be translated, “*Since now*”

**as many** - (Matthew, Mark) and many attempts to record the events of the life of Jesus. “Hearsay” accounts

**have undertaken to compile an account** - “*narrative*” because it speaks of the historical facts about our faith.

“**accomplished among us,**” - which means it was “*performed in the past; and was fulfilled fully, fully persuaded*” in plain view of many people. **John 1:14**

**Because Christianity is historical, we can build our faith on facts, not feelings:**

**2. Verse 2 Gospel Message Is Verifiable**

**Luke 1:2**

**Right Channels: handed them down** - *“term for oral tradition” The speaking and telling of the events.*

**Accurate Sources: by those who from the beginning** - The word **“beginning”** refers to the events surrounding the births of John and Jesus in the first two chapters of Luke’s record.

**Luke 1:5**

The details related to the birth of Jesus are also verifiable in **Luke 1:26**

**Source Of Witnesses: were eyewitnesses** - **2 Peter 1:16; 1 John 1:1**

**Source Of Ministers: servants (Ministers) of the word** - *“a subordinate committed to accomplish the commands of a superior” (Persons who knew and lived by the Word they preached)*

**We Can Know Christianity Is True Because It Is Verifiable. Eyewitnesses Have Seen And Ministers Continue To Serve To This Day:**

### **3. Verse 3 Gospel Message Is Orderly**

**Luke 1:3 it seemed fitting for me as well, having investigated everything carefully** - This means Luke *“attended carefully and accurately”*

**from the beginning**, - Starting with John the Baptist. (Historical With Inspirational) This term **beginning** from the first *“from above, from on high”* speaks of inspiration. Luke wrote Scripture! This is the Word of God. **2 Timothy 3:15-17**

**All Scripture** - *“every Scripture, that is, every passage of Scripture, Scripture as a whole is as is the single passage” Literally “every separate passage”*

**The Origen Of Scripture – Where It Came From: is inspired by God (Only place in the Bible)** *“divinely breathed in, to breathe, God-breathed” Scripture is the product of God’s creative breath. (Writings) Genesis 2:7*  
**Deuteronomy 8:3**

**Purpose Of Scripture - Reveals What Is Right: and profitable for teaching,**  
*doctrine* (what is right)

**profitable** - *“Every divinely-inspired Scripture is, besides being so inspired and for that reason, also profitable”*

**Purpose Of Scripture - Reveals What Is Not Right: for reproof, (Negative),**  
The Bible tells us what we should not do. *“to convict of misbehavior or false doctrine, in the sense of rebuke”*

**Purpose Of Scripture - Reveals How To Get Right: for correction, (Positive),**  
Confession, Repentance of Sin. *“Restoring something to its original and proper*

*condition, an upright state, setting right, fallen now standing upright” To get straighten out, back on our feet!*

**Purpose Of Scripture - Reveals How To Stay Right: for training in righteousness;** Abiding in Jesus, walking in the light, **training** – originally used in training or bringing children up. Then came to mean to train.

**to write it out for you in consecutive order,** - *“an orderly account”* This practice was also followed in **Acts 11:4**

**most excellent Theophilus** – *“loved by God, or dear to God”* **Acts 23:26** and **Acts 26:25; Acts 1:1**

**The Bible Is Fact, Not Fiction. What’s Contained In Luke Is Inspired And Inerrant, It’s Not Legend But The Actual Life Of The Lord Jesus Christ In Orderly Manner:**

#### **4. Verse 4 Gospel Message Is Certain**

**Luke 1:4 so that you might know** - idea of full knowledge;

**the exact truth** - *“take no slip, to not totter or fall, the certainty, infallibility of the truth”* (*Not Tripped Up, Stable*)

**about the things** - This man was already a believer so Luke wanted to edify this believer, not evangelize.

**you have been taught** - or instructed. We get our word, *“Catechumen”* *“Someone being taught the basics of Christianity”* - *words and instructions.*

#### **Application:**

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3. Bible Is Fact, Not Fiction. What’s Contained In Luke Is Inspired And Inerrant, It’s Not Legend But The Actual Life Of The Lord Jesus Christ In Orderly Manner:
4. Luke Wrote To One Individual Named Theophilus So He Could Know The Truth And The Certainty Of The Gospel. We Build Our Faith On Facts, Not Feelings: