

Luke: Author, Audience, & Purpose

Acts 1:1-2 *all passages are NIV

¹ In my former book [logon words/account], Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.

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2 Timothy 4:11

¹¹ **Only Luke** is with me...

This letter was penned by (take some notes below)

Luke 1:1-4 (NIV)

¹ **Many** have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, ² just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were **eyewitnesses** and servants of the word. ³ With this in mind, since I myself have **carefully investigated everything from the beginning**, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus ⁴ so **that you may know the certainty** of the things you have been taught.

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Discussion Questions

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1. WHAT IF...the story about Jesus was just a fairy tale, just a religious detour designed to distract people from truth? What role should evidence play for those who claim faith in Jesus?

2. How did today's study stir your desire to seek the evidence for the hope that Christians have? What did you find compelling about the Gospel of Luke?

3. What did you learn about Luke's life that you did not know before and how does that challenge you to take his investigative claims seriously?

4. Did you know that Luke & Acts were sequels? What is some evidence that they are written by the same person and why is this significant?

5. **Read Luke 1:1-4 & Acts 1:1-2.** Luke & Acts covers the time from the birth of John the Baptist to the Paul's imprisonment in Rome - a period of about 60 years, totaling 1/4 of the New Testament. How does this impact your view of the importance of these 2 writings?

6. According to **Luke 1:4**, what was the ultimate purpose of the Gospel of Luke and how might examining these claims impact one who is already a follower of Jesus compared to one who is not yet a follower of Jesus?

7. Share something you are thankful for, a need you have, then lift one another to the Father in prayer.