

INTRODUCTION TO LUKE

Luke 1:1-4

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Written about _____

Luke is _____ one of Jesus' original _____

Luke was an assistant to _____

Luke is not _____

My fellow prisoner Aristarchus sends you his greetings, as does Mark, the cousin of Barnabas. (You have received instructions about him; if he comes to you, welcome him). Jesus, who is called Justus, also sends greetings. These are the only Jews among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have proved a comfort to me. Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. Our dear friend Luke, the doctor, and Demas send greetings. - Colossians 4:10-14 (NIV)

Luke is a _____ not a _____

“Luke” means: _____ giving

Loukas: contracted from Latin *Lucanus*: Light-giving (OTESD)

Luke appreciates a little healthy _____

Luke wrote: *Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. - Acts 17:11 (NIV)*

When Luke is converted, he is _____

While in prison Paul wrote to Timothy: *Do your best to come to me quickly, for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. - 2 Timothy 4:9-11 (NIV)*

(vv.1-2)

Since many have undertaken to compile an account of the things accomplished among us just as they were handed down to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses (autoptes) and servants (officers YLT) of the word - Luke 1:1-2 (NASB)

Tells us that Luke is _____ an _____

“...handed down to us” (v.2) (NASB)

Eyewitness: *autoptes* - seeing with one's own eye, an eye-witness, a medical term: autopsy, a detailed examination (OTESD)

How did Luke know? He _____

But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.

- Luke 2:19 (NASB77)

(v.3)

...it seemed fitting to me as well, having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write it out for you in an orderly (ESV, NIV) sequence, most excellent Theophilus; so that you may know the exact truth about the things you have been taught (katheteo). - Luke 1:3-4 (NASB)

Things you had been taught: _____

Taught: *katheteo* - to teach orally, to instruct, to inform by word of mouth to be orally informed (OTESD)

(v.4) **Luke's Concern:** *That you may know the exact truth (NASB)*

Written to Theophilus: _____

Theos: a deity, the Supreme Divinity

Philos: dear, friend, fond

How Luke Discovered God's Will:

Luke saw a _____, had some unique _____

Got _____ and God _____ it

...it seemed good to me also, - Luke 1:3 (ESV)