



# REIGNITING YOUR PASSION FOR CHRIST

A Study of the Gospel of Luke

## LUKE: REIGNITING YOUR PASSION FOR CHRIST Luke 1:1-4

**INTRODUCTION:** Nothing will rejuvenate your faith like spending time with the Object of our faith: Jesus Christ. Today we begin a new series on the Gospel of Luke that will hopefully motivate us to imitate the attitudes, actions, and affections of our Savior.

I. A Look At Luke

A. Author

Three Mentions of Luke in the New Testament

1. Colossians 4:14

2. Philemon 24

Acts 11:20, 24b “<sup>20</sup> But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who came to Antioch and began speaking to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. <sup>24b</sup> And considerable numbers were brought to the Lord.”

Acts 16:10 “And when he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.”

3. 2 Timothy 4:9-11

2 Timothy 4:9-11 “<sup>9</sup> Make every effort to come to me soon; <sup>10</sup> for Demas, having loved this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. <sup>11</sup> Only Luke is with me. Pick up Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for service.”

B. The Audience

Luke 1:3-4 “<sup>3</sup> it seemed fitting for me as well, having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write it out for you in consecutive order, most excellent Theophilus; <sup>4</sup> so that you might know the exact truth about the things you have been taught.”

C. Characteristics of Luke

1. Luke is carefully **researched**

Luke 1:1-4 “<sup>1</sup>Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile an account of the things accomplished among us, <sup>2</sup>just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word have handed them down to us, <sup>3</sup>it seemed fitting for me as well, having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write it out for you in consecutive order, most excellent Theophilus; <sup>4</sup>so that you might know the exact truth about the things you have been taught.”

2. Luke is extremely **detailed**

Luke 3:1-2 “<sup>1</sup>Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Phillip was tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>in the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, the son of Zacharias, in the wilderness”

2 Peter 1:16 “For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty.”

D. Purpose in Writing

### Three Major Themes from Luke

#### 1. The **humanity** of Jesus

Luke 2:52 “And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.”

#### 2. The **program** of God

Luke 19:10 “For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

Luke 13:28-29 “<sup>28</sup> There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth there when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but yourselves being cast out. <sup>29</sup> And they will come from east and west, and from north and south, and will recline at the table in the kingdom of God.”

#### 3. The **perseverance** of Christians

Luke 6:46 “And why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?”

### II. The Value Of Luke For Our Church

Ephesians 4:13,15 “<sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. <sup>15</sup> but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the head, even Christ,”

1 John 2:6 “Whoever claims to live in Him, must walk as Jesus did.” (New International Version)

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Conclusion: