

## Introduction: “An Orderly Account” (Luke 1:1-4)

In this introduction or preface, Luke makes at least 3 important realities clear to us:

### I. Luke’s Gospel account is historically and theologically accurate and true. (1:1-2)

- A. Luke was an eyewitness of Jesus Christ’s amazing ministry through the New Testament Church.
- B. Luke was not an eyewitness of Jesus Christ’s earthly ministry before His ascension, nor was he one of the 12 Apostles.
- C. Luke was led by the Holy Spirit to write this amazingly detailed and historically accurate account of Jesus’s Christ earthly ministry, death, and resurrection.
- D. The credibility of Luke’s Gospel account is not dependent on human eyewitness but is fully validated through the Holy Spirit’s ministry of inspiration.

### II. Luke’s Gospel account is written as a historically and theologically “orderly account.” (1:3)

- A. Luke writes with the physical precision of a physician.
- B. Luke writes with the grammatical composition and vocabulary of a well-educated scholar.
- C. Luke writes with the detailed accuracy of a thorough historian.
- D. Luke writes with the personal attention of a reporter capturing the passion of eyewitnesses.

### III. Luke’s Gospel account is intended to support and validate true faith in Jesus Christ’s divine ministry as the Son of God. (1:4)

- A. Luke’s Gospel account is really *Volume 1* in a two-part publication! It focuses on the Good News of Jesus Christ’s birth, death, and resurrection for His Church as the true Messiah and Son of God. (Past)
- B. *Volume 2* is titled “*The Acts of the Apostles.*” It focuses on Jesus Christ’s ministry of creating, leading, empowering and advancing His Church as they spread His *good news* to the nations. (Present)
- C. A man named Theophilus was the immediate recipient of both of Luke’s Volumes.

**BIG IDEA:** You must believe and obey the entire Gospel of Jesus Christ in order to be saved from God’s wrath.

#### Application

- 1. Believe, rejoice and share in the **past** ministry of Jesus Christ’s death, burial and resurrection.
- 2. Believe, rejoice and share in the **ongoing** ministry of Jesus Christ in and through His Church.
- 3. Believe, rejoice and share in the **future** eternal ministry of Jesus Christ in and through His Church.