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LUKE

AUTHOR: LUKE, THE BELOVED PHYSICIAN AND CLOSE FRIEND OF PAUL.

KEY THEMES

A connected and orderly narrative of the life of Christ as seen by eyewitnesses; Luke's goal was so this his readers would understand that the gospel is for all, both Jews and Gentiles alike.

LUKE 1:3-4

"It seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught."



SYNOPSIS:

Luke writes a narrative compiled of eye witness testimony beginning with the birth of John the Baptist and continuing through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Luke makes the connection that Jesus is the promised one of God as prophesied in the Old Testament and as attested through God's saving activity in Jesus' life, death and resurrection. In addition, Luke emphasized the truthfulness of the Christian traditions his readers had been taught, so that by believing in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, they would receive the promised Holy Spirit whom he gives to all who follow him.