

A Message from the Doctor - Luke 1:1-4
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Introduction

1. Series
2. Parents of John the Baptist

1. Luke, the Historian (1-3)

- A. Plots his gospel in history - verse 5
 - attention to get you to see tie in
 - see the Christmas story - 2:1-2
 - if we wrote, probably would not give as much detail
 - B. He writes:
 - with other accounts before him
 - doesn't reject as inaccurate but inadequate alone
 - about these things
 - eyewitnesses
 - care to write "in order" (orderly account)
- So - not dropped from heaven like Mormon text
- after careful examination of all this
- So - you may have confidence in your bible

2. Luke, the Person

- attention to detail
 - Luke 6:13 - of them He chose...
 - Luke 9 - 12 sent out
 - 10 - 70 sent out
 - 120 sent out in Acts 1
- attention to women
 - women among the disciples
 - 8:1-3 - women traveled with them
 - Elizabeth, Mary, aged Anna, widow of Nain, Mary and Martha
- attention to the little man
 - poor or insignificant
 - Matthew = Jews - genealogy of Abraham
 - Luke = Gentiles - Adam
- attention to children
 - birth of John, Jesus
- attention to the home
 - home of Simon's M-I-L
 - family life at Nazareth
 - woman searching for a coin
- attention to the Holy Spirit
- attention to the poor
 - two mites
 - rich fool

- blessed are the poor!
- attention to praise and prayer
 - Mary praises God after Gabriel announces
 - Zachariah praises God after announces
 - angels = glory to God in the highest

Prayed all night before choosing
Pray like this - Luke 11:1-2

3. A Message for Theophilus (4)

- A. "Theophilus" - most excellent
 - like "your honor"
 - a person of rank
- B. More importantly, why he wrote:
 - The book of Luke has a purpose
 - that you might know of a "certainty" - reassure his faith, buttress his belief
 - "instruction"

Three Lessons:

1. You may have confidence in your bible
 - its historical accuracy
 - eyewitnesses
 - other accounts (culled?)
2. You are often God's means
 - when God sends a message
 - through a person
3. Let the bible have its full impact on your life
 - I will live this way
 - World is proud Jesus is meek
 - World is taking Jesus taught giving
 - World is apathetic Jesus is loving