

Luke Acts

A single story!



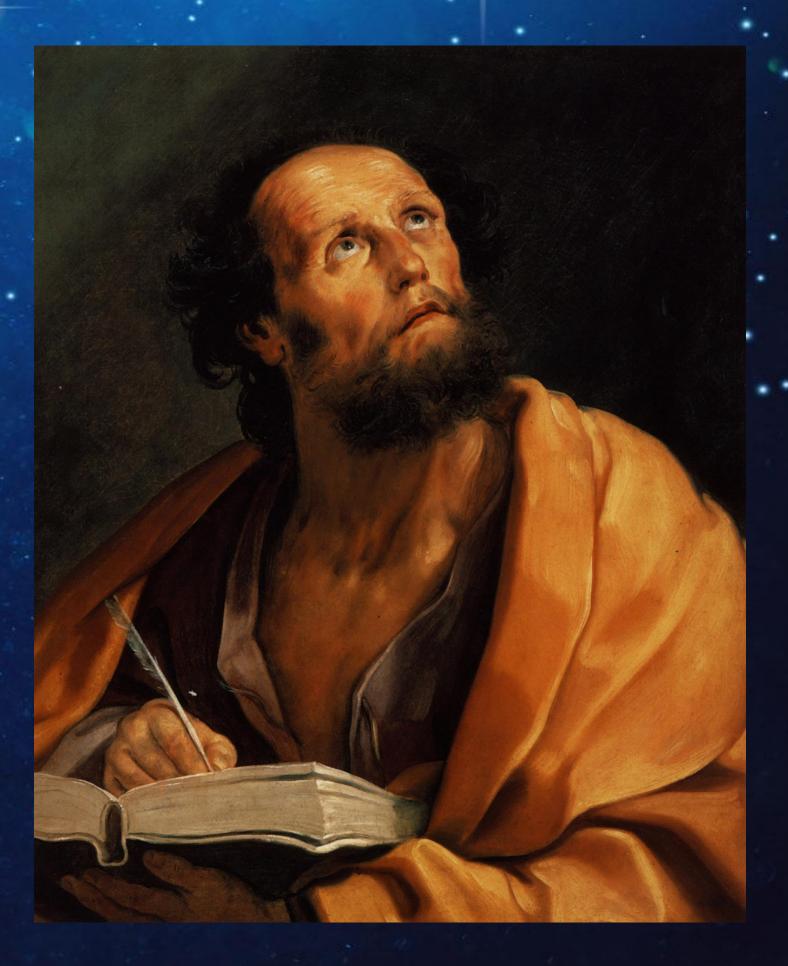
Who is Luke?

Doctor –Physician

Gentile

Companion of Paul

Author of Gospel & Acts



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1 Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, 2 just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word

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3 With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

Vocabulary of Luke

Amazed

Astonished

Awe

Afraid

Spellbound

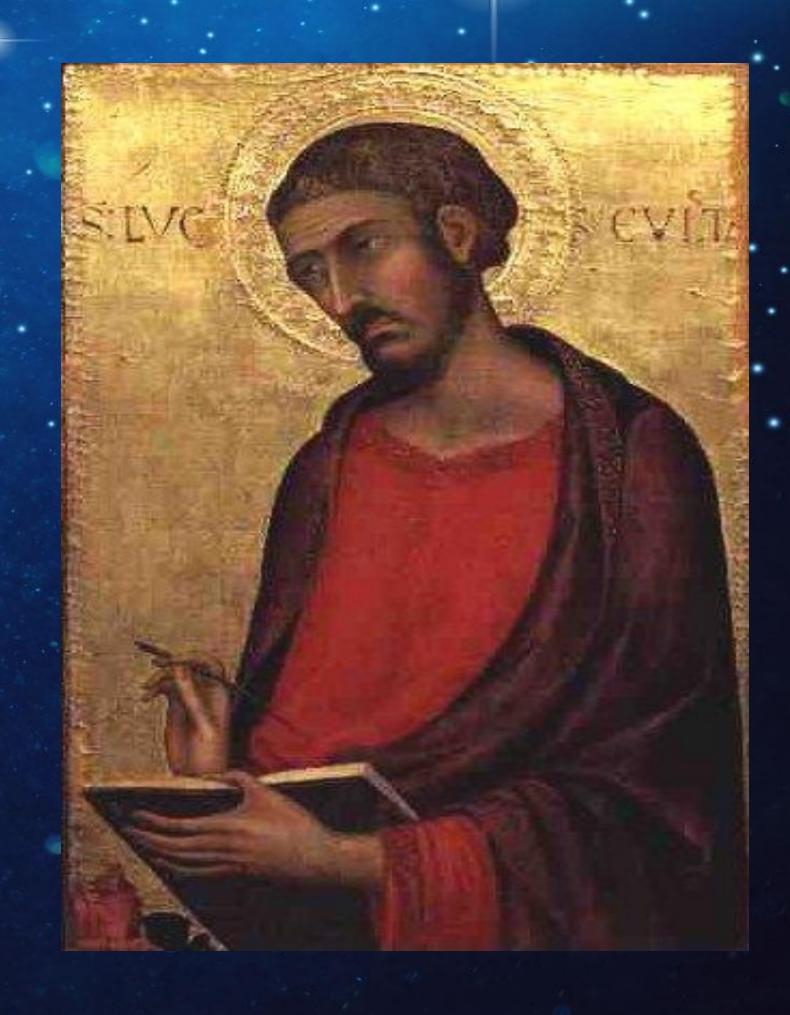
Theophilus – "Lover of God"

Imaginary?

High Priest?

Roman Official?

You and me?



Zacharias and Elizabeth

Luke 1:5-26



Troubling Theme in Luke Gospel

Those who should, don't.

Those who shouldn't, do.

Video of Nativity

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KT_cHi8QJ Mw

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What do we know about Mary?

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Gabriel delivers three messages.

Mary's response.

26 In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, 27 to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.

30 But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. 31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

34 "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

35 The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. 36 Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. 37 For no word from God will ever fail."

38 "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

Simple Faith of a Teenage Girl Mary says "yes" to God

"yes" to the impossible

"yes" to the plan of God

The call on Mary's life is an impossible demand.

The call of God always is.

To become obedient to his call always means becoming a slave to the impossible.

Mary believed God when it seemed to be impossible.

She never looked back.

She was open to great possibilities and faith in the face of many natural doubts.

"Got any rivers you think are uncross able?
Got any mountains you can't tunnel through?
God specializes in things thought impossible.
He does the things others can't do."

