

Luke

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Luke's Dependable Information

Luke 1:1-4

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Intro. **A.** It is said that we today live in the age of information.

1. Satellite, Cable, Antenna, bring in hundreds of channels to our TVs.
2. Radio has, A.M., F.M. and Satellite stereo.
3. Now, news of world events is money.
4. Current events drive our economy. Wall street is affected by the news media.
5. We must have dependable information, only then can we react to truth and not to Henney Penny, "the sky is falling" kind of reporting.

B. This account by Luke of the birth, life, teachings, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is dependable information.

vs. 4 1. "Certainty" = ἀσφάλεια = "steadfastness"; "firmness"; "stability"; "without tottering or falling" and thus completely dependable.

2. In Luke's age there were only two sources of information, verbal and written reports.

3. As in our age there were thousands of reports written about Jesus. There were the official reports to Rome, common knowledge letters to friends and relatives, Jews writing to Jews,

4. Also there were inspired accounts that ultimately became God's word, the New Testament.

C. Luke, a trained physician, following a thorough investigation, made a dependable report to Theophilus, a believer in Christ.

5. "surely believed" = πληροφορεω = to make full, used of measures and weights, here of persons, to be fully believed or fully proved and confirmed.

2 B. "Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eye witnesses, and ministers of the word".

1. "delivered" = παραδιδωμι = "to transmit in both oral and written form".

2. The source or qualifications of the They were, from the beginning, the Apostles had John's baptism and companied with Jesus from beginning to end.

3. "eyewitness" = αυτοπτης = self-beholding, They saw for themselves, not hearsay.

4. "ministers" = υπηρετης = an under-rower, a common sailor, a hand, any subordinate acting under the direction; An attendant in the synagogue.

5. "word" = λογος =

vs 3 C. "It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus".

1. "have perfect understanding" = παρακολουθεω = "to accompany side by side, to follow closely, to trace out minutely", "to follow to the conclusion".

2. "in order" = καθεξης = "one after the other".

3. "first" = ανωθεν = "from above", "from the source".

D. "That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed".

1. "know" = επιγινωσκω = "to have true and clear knowledge by looking upon", experiential knowledge.

2. "certainty" = ασφαεια = dependable, stable.

3. "instructed" = κατηχεω = "to sound forth towards, to teach, esp., orally or by preaching".

