LUKE 1:1-4

INTRODUCING LUKE AND HIS GOSPEL

1. LUKE'S NAME IS NOWHERE TO BE FOUND. WHO IS HE AND HOW DO WE KNOW HE WROTE IT?

Who is the 'me' of v3?

The author is a classically educated Greek man of impeccable learning.

Col 4:14… Luke the physician.

Paul does not list Luke alongside Jewish brethren, but separately… Luke was a Gentile.

The link with The Acts of the Apostles

Luke was a travelling companion with Paul:

In Acts 16:11 the author says 'we…'

2 Timothy 4:11… 'only Luke is with me'

Acts 1:1… the former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach…

Luke is the most likely author of the Acts of the Apostles and therefore of this gospel, and the earliest tradition attests to his authorship of both.

2. WHO IS THEOPHILUS?

'most excellent'… see Acts 23:26

Was he a high-ranking Roman official?

Theophilus means 'Friend of God'
an all-embracing title for all believers?

3. WHAT HAS LUKE WRITTEN, AND WHY?

That you may know the certainty of these things.

Luke has drawn together many eyewitness accounts into this single, well ordered and comprehensive gospel as one who has a thorough and mature understanding of all that has taken place.

Almost half of Luke's material is unique to his gospel.

This isn't just a record of history… these are the facts upon which faith is based.

This is Luke… and this is his account of the Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The overriding theme of Luke's gospel?

Luke 19:10…

"the Son of Man has come
to seek and to save that which was lost".