

## Introduction - Luke 1:1-4

**Topics:** Answers, Assurance, Authority, Believe, Bible, Christianity, Confidence, Evidence, Instructions, Learning, Reliability

### Open It

1. How would a biographer prepare for writing about someone's life?
- \* 2. What period in history do you wish you could visit? Why?
3. How would you prepare to serve as a character witness in court for your best friend?

### Explore It

4. What clues about the relationship between Luke and Theophilus can be found in this introduction? (1:1-3)
5. How had Luke received his evidence for the "things fulfilled among us"? (1:2)
- \* 6. On what kind of people did Luke rely for his information? (1:2)
7. How did Luke rely on eyewitnesses in writing his Gospel? (1:2)
8. Who were the "servants of the word"? (1:2)
- \* 9. What credentials did Luke use to back up the trustworthiness of what he wrote? (1:3)
10. How did Luke describe his approach to historical research? (1:3)
11. What reasons did Luke give for deciding to write his Gospel? (1:3-4)
- \* 12. What did Luke hope would be the result of this Gospel in the life of Theophilus? (1:4)
13. What does the phrase "know the certainty of the things you have been taught" mean? (1:4)

### Get It

14. What characteristics of the time in which Luke lived might make him a better observer, listener, and witness than people today are?
15. On what evidence would you rely to be certain of the things you were taught?
- \* 16. In what ways can we identify with Theophilus?
- \* 17. Why is Luke's assurance of accuracy important?
18. If you got a personal letter tomorrow that began just like this introduction, with your name in the place of Theophilus, how would you treat the letter?
19. Are you a person who needs to be taught or a person who needs to be more certain of what you have already been taught?
20. Why would an accurate account of Jesus' life be a powerful evangelistic tool?

### Apply It

21. How do you personally plan to approach this study of the Gospel of Luke?
22. What question about the life of Christ would you like answered by a study of this Gospel?
- \* 23. What difference would you like there to be in your relationship with Christ as a result of reading Luke?