

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

I. INTRODUCTION

A. The PREFACE to the Gospel of Luke

1. The pre-existence of literary _____ and oral _____ concerning the life of Jesus is confirmed by Luke in his opening statements. (1:1)

* How does v. 1 inform us about the 'genre' of this book?

2. The words, "*those things which have been fulfilled among us*" reveal that Luke's purpose for writing centers around God's _____ fulfilled in the Person and work of His Son.

* What in particular will Luke focus on in his Gospel?

* Why are there four Gospel accounts of Jesus Christ; wouldn't one suffice?

3. Luke's historical narrative involved reliable _____ whom he read or _____ for accuracy and content. (1:1b-2)

* What does "*ministers of the word*" tell us about the profound effect that these events and truths had upon these witnesses?

4. The accuracy of Luke's historical narrative involved a thorough, _____, logical _____ on his part; but most notably there was the _____ of the Holy Spirit. (1:3a, cf., 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:20-21)

* What personal things do we know about Luke from the Bible?

5. From v. 3 Luke intended to write "*an orderly account,*" which turned out to be basically _____ and _____ in nature. (1:3b)

* What is unique about the book of Luke compared to the other Gospels?

6. The primary recipient to Luke's body of work, is a man named _____ (1:3b, cf., Acts 1:1-2)

* What do we know about this man?

7. The underlining reason that Luke wrote this book was "*that (hina) you may _____ the _____ of those things in which you were instructed.*"

* What are two views regarding Theophilus?

* How can you spiritually benefit from a verse by verse study in the Gospel of Luke?