

An Introduction to Luke's Gospel:

Luke 1:1-4

1. The gospel tells of what God has done (1:1)

(c.f. Lk 24:44-47)

A fulfilment of God's promises in the past & now made available to all who believe in Jesus

2. The gospel is rooted in true accounts (1:2)

A historical & accurate account based on reliable authorities (interviews with many eye-witnesses, including Mark)

3. The gospel is talked about & passed on (1:2-3)

A venture of great efforts & carefulness to share the gospel accurately & faithfully

4. The gospel strengthens Christians (1:3-4)

A compilation that's co-ord & coherent that seeks to establish key truths; it has a structure & repeating themes

Structure

1:1-4 Preface

1b-2 Birth of John & Jesus

3-9a Jesus' ministry in Galilee

9b-19a Jesus' journey to Jerusalem

19b-24 Suffering, death & resurrection of Jesus

Main theme (Lk 19:10)

The Son of Man came to seek & save the lost (Jesus is THE Physician)

Sub-themes

- Ministry to "outsiders"
- Emphasis on praying
- Mention of women