

Certainty... in a world of doubt

The Gospel of Luke

desert breeze
community church



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“Certainty” Luke 1:1-4, 24:25-32

It's not the size of your faith but the object of your faith that matters most. Strong faith in a weak object is fatally inferior to a weak faith in a strong object. Get to know the object of your faith (Jesus) and your trust (Certainty) will grow. (Heb11:1; Ps9:9-10; Rom10:17)

THE GOSPEL IS...

A TRUE STORY

“Luke” = a doctor (Col4:14), and close friend and companion of the Apostle Paul. Also, wrote Acts as a continuation of the story of Luke. Luke is the longest and most comprehensive of the Gospel accounts.

“Theophilus” (Lover of God) = could be an actual person i.e. Roman Official or code name for the entire church...those people who love God.

Three Reasons the Christian Faith is certain:

1) Christianity is a Biblical Faith v1 “a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us.” 2Pet1:16-21

2) Christianity is a Historical Faith v2 “Just as those who were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word...” v3 “having followed all things closely for some time past...” Acts 26:26-27; 1Cor15:1-11
These Story's of Jesus could not be legends that were made up later but true eye-witness accounts because: a) Written too early (15-20years), b) Content is too counterproductive c) Literary form is too detailed.

3) Christianity is a Practical Faith v4 “That you may have certainty concerning the thing you have been taught.” Ps10:9-10; 2Tim1:12, 4:16-17

ABOUT JESUS v4 “that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.” Luke 24:25-27

The Gospel is the Good News that God has reconciled us to Himself by sending His Son to die in our place for our sins & all who repent & believe in Him have eternal life (John3:16; Eph2:8-9).

He came to set us free from the...

1) Penalty of sin (Justification) Rom8:1, 3

2) Power of sin (Sanctification) Rom8:2, 4

3) Presence of sin (Glorification) Rom8:18

THAT CHALLENGES THE MIND & SATISFIES THE HEART

(Luke 24:28-32)

1) A deepening knowledge of God precedes a deepening affection for God.

2) The goal of the Bible is to bring Jesus into your life as a living presence.

3) You must break bread with Christ regularly: Worship (Awe) & Friendship (Intimacy). Act 2:42-47; Rev3:20

Growing Notes

1) Why is certainty so important to your relationship with God (Heb11:1)? What has helped you to grow in your certainty of faith in Christ (Ps9:9-10; Rom10:17)?

2) Read Luke 1:1-4, 24:25-32. What is this text saying (Observation): Who is Luke writing to (v3)? Why is he writing (v4)? Who is Luke getting His information from and how reliable is it (vv1-2)? What did Jesus say & do for the two on the Road to Emmaus (vv25-27)? What happened when they broke bread with Jesus (vv29-32)?

3) What is the interpretation & application of the text: What does it mean that the Gospel is a true story? How is Christianity a Biblical faith, a Historical faith and a Practical faith (vv1-4)? What does it mean that the Bible (Gospel) is all about Jesus (Luke24:25-27)? What is the Gospel? What did Jesus come to do?

4) What does it mean that the Gospel will challenge the mind and satisfy the heart (Luke24:28-32)? Why does a deepening knowledge of God precede a deepening affection for God? What is the goal of the Bible (Gospel)? What does it mean to break bread with Christ regularly (Acts 4:42-47; Rev3:20)? What is God speaking to you from this study? Respond to God in prayer.