

Sending Jesus: How God Brought His Son to Earth

“An Orderly Account”

Luke 1:1-4

God wants you to have certainty about (1) who Jesus is and (2) what Jesus did!

Luke 1:1 (ESV)

Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us,

Luke 1:2 (ESV)

just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us,

Luke 1:3 (ESV)

it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus,

Luke 1:4 (ESV)

that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

Acts 1:1 (ESV)

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach,

Acts 1:2 (ESV)

until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen.

In Luke, God gives us ...

1. Certainty about Jesus' Virgin Birth

Luke 1:30 (ESV)

And the angel said to her, Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

Luke 1:31 (ESV)

And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus.

Luke 1:32 (ESV)

He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David,

Luke 1:33 (ESV)

and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”

Luke 1:34 (ESV)

And Mary said to the angel, How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

Luke 1:35 (ESV)

And the angel answered her, The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the Child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.

Luke 2:40 (ESV)

And the Child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon Him.

2. Certainty about Jesus' Perfect Life**Luke 4:13 (ESV)**

And when the devil had ended every temptation, He departed from Him until an opportune time.

Luke 5:21 (ESV)

And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

Luke 5:22 (ESV)

When Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered them, Why do you question in your hearts?

Luke 5:23 (ESV)

Which is easier, to say, Your sins are forgiven you, or to say, Rise and walk ?

Luke 5:24 (ESV)

But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—He said to the man who was paralyzed—“I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home.”

Luke 5:25 (ESV)

And immediately he rose up before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went home, glorifying God.

Luke 5:26 (ESV)

And amazement seized them all, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, We have seen extraordinary things today.”

Luke 5:31 (ESV)

And Jesus answered them, Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.

Luke 5:32 (ESV)

I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”

Luke 23:4 (ESV)

Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, I find no guilt in this Man.”

3. Certainty about Jesus’ Supernatural Power**Luke 7:11 (ESV)**

Soon afterward He went to a town called Nain, and His disciples and a great crowd went with Him.

Luke 7:12 (ESV)

As He drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her.

Luke 7:13 (ESV)

And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, Do not weep.”

Luke 7:14 (ESV)

Then He came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And He said, Young man, I say to you, arise.”

Luke 7:15 (ESV)

And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother.

Luke 7:16 (ESV)

Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, A great prophet has arisen among us!” and God has visited His people!”

Luke 7:17 (ESV)

And this report about Him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

4. Certainty about Jesus’ Masterful Teaching**Luke 10:38 (ESV)**

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house.

Luke 10:39 (ESV)

And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to His teaching.

Luke 10:40 (ESV)

But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to Him and said, Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me."

Luke 10:41 (ESV)

But the Lord answered her, Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things,

Luke 10:42 (ESV)

but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

5. Certainty about Jesus' Redeeming Death**Luke 18:31 (ESV)**

And taking the twelve, He said to them, See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished.

Luke 18:32 (ESV)

For He will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon.

Luke 18:33 (ESV)

And after flogging Him, they will kill Him, and on the third day He will rise."

Luke 18:34 (ESV)

But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

Luke 23:44 (ESV)

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour,

Luke 23:45 (ESV)

while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two.

Luke 23:46 (ESV)

Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit!" And having said this He breathed His last.

6. Certainty about Jesus' Glorious Resurrection

Luke 24:36 (ESV)

As they were talking about these things, Jesus Himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!"

Luke 24:37 (ESV)

But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit.

Luke 24:38 (ESV)

And He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?"

Luke 24:39 (ESV)

See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Touch Me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."

Luke 24:40 (ESV)

And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet.

7. *Certainty about Jesus' Saving Purpose*

Luke 19:10 (ESV)

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

Luke 24:45 (ESV)

Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,

Luke 24:46 (ESV)

and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,

Luke 24:47 (ESV)

and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.