

Introducing Luke

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- Not one of the original disciples
- A doctor
- Educated

When did he write?

- Around 64

Why did he write?

- The beginning of persecution under Nero
- Christianity was under attack
- The gospel is a statement of who Jesus was

Luke's world

- The Romans brought peace and stability
- The rich were bored
- The poor lived desperate lives
- The pagan religions were not satisfying needs

Bible reading Luke 1:1 – 4

- Accounts had been written about Jesus
- Mark (60) and Q document
- Luke a historian carefully investigated
- It seemed good...
- Know with certainty

Reflections

1. Jesus' life was worthy of recording
2. 30 years after his death, his words and the Holy spirit had great power to change lives
3. We are called to do 'good things'...
4. Luke investigated and came to a potentially costly conclusion
5. There are some certainties in faith ...

Lifegroup Questions

1. If you were writing a gospel to the people of Melbourne what aspects of Jesus' life would you highlight? Why?
2. What has 'seemed good to you' that you did? What were the results?
3. What stops us acting upon some things that 'seem good'?
4. Luke was fairly sure that God wanted him to write the gospel. How do you go about determining God's will in specific situations?
5. How certain are you of your faith? What do you have doubts about?
6. Luke was a historian and God used that. What skills do you have that God is using? Maybe others in the lifegroup can help at this point.

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