

Transforming Daily
“... an orderly account ...”
Luke 1:3

Luke is the author of both the gospel of Luke and the book of Acts. He was a physician by vocation, and knowing this, from time to time the reader can see his interest in the drama of human life and affairs reflected in his writings. In the opening verses of the gospel of Luke, he states very plainly what his intention was. His intention was to give an orderly account, as orderly as possible, “of those things which have been fulfilled among us” (v.1). Oversimplified, Luke was referring to the birth, life, death, resurrection, ascension, and second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, and Christ’s associated parables, miracles, teachings, instructions, and admonitions regarding these events.

It’s not certain who Theophilus was. Nonetheless, Theophilus is named by Luke as the primary designation for his writing(s). Luke wanted Theophilus to have the truth and nothing but the truth, and to have it in an orderly fashion. No doubt for the purpose of promulgation. Luke wanted the message of Christ, the gospel, to get spread about.

It is amazing the accuracy of Scripture after having been written so long ago, and copied so many times as well as innumerable translations from one language to another. However, that is exactly what Luke and the other gospel writers intended when they took pen in hand to express an orderly account of the gospel. Why was it so important to give an accurate, orderly account? These words, Jesus Christ, the gospel, are the words of life. A part from the gospel message, man is doomed to grope in darkness, undone and far off from God. But praise be to God for Jesus Christ that He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Thanks be to God also for men and women like Luke who committed themselves to bring forth the Word of God in an orderly account that others might hear the Word and believe.

Is the Bible a cherished possession of yours? Do you have a personal copy of the Word of God? Do you revere it above all other writings? Just keep in mind that our salvation, the Christmas message, came by way of hearing the gospel. And thanks to Luke (as well as Matthew, Mark and John), of the gospel, we have an orderly account.