



The Certain Gospel

Is Jesus Fake News?

Luke 1:1-4



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True News!

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“The story of Jesus Christ’s life,
death, and resurrection is true.”

Three Questions

1. **What** did Luke write? (Lk 1:1)
2. **How** did he write it? (Lk 1:2-3)
3. **Why** did he write? (Lk 1:4)

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Luke 1:1

Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, (NIV®)

What did Luke write?

*The Story of God stepping
into human history.*

Major Themes

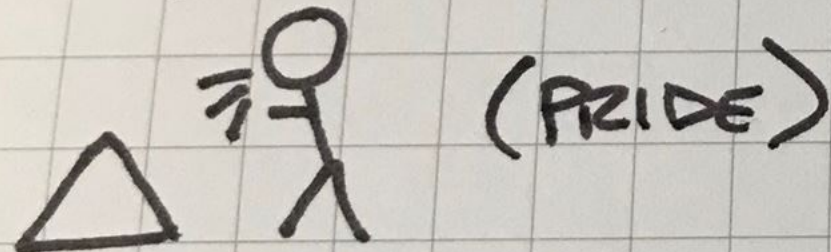
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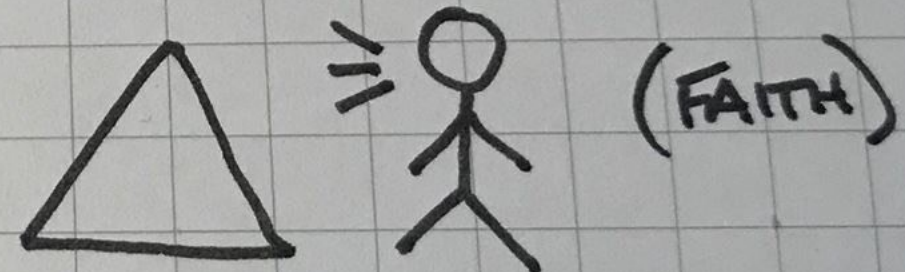
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- 2) Prayer works

4 STAGES OF PRAYER*

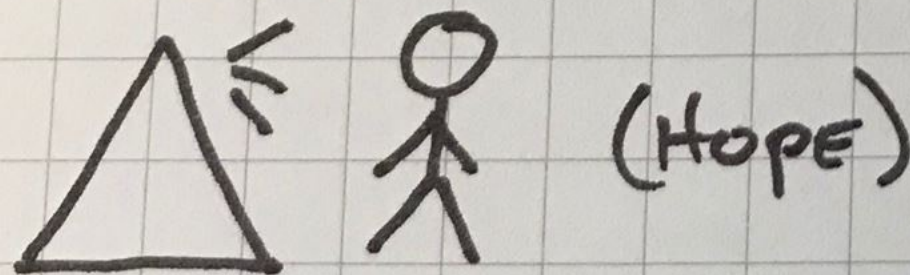
① PRAYING AT GOD



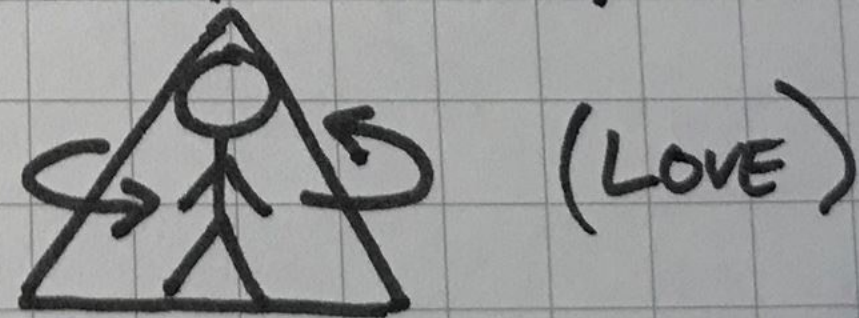
② PRAYING TO GOD



③ LISTENING TO GOD



④ BEING WITH GOD



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- 4) Jesus flips the norm upside-down



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How did Luke write it?

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Luke 1:2-3

just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, (NIV®)

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Colossians 4:14

Our dear friend Luke, the doctor, and Demas send greetings. (NIV®)

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- IV. **John** - Disciple writing to convince Jews that Jesus is the Messiah.

Why did Luke write?

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Luke 1:4

so that you may know the certainty of the things
you have been taught. (NIV®)

Why did Luke write?
*So that we can believe
with certainty.*



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“I am the resurrection and the life.
The one who believes in me will live,
even though they die...”

—Jesus Christ

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Christ

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