

Luke 1:1-4

- **WHAT** his letter is about
- **WHERE** he got his information
- **HOW** he performed his inquiry into this information
- **WHY** he took the time and effort to put it in a letter to Theophilus

WHAT: “the things accomplished among us” or
“on which there is full conviction” v1 NASB marg. note

- *Jesus came from heaven!* 1:27, 34-35
(Jn 6:32-33...38...41,42)
- *Confirmed his person and ministry by miracles!*
4:40-41; 5:24; 7:20-22 (Jn 14:11; Ac 2:22)
- *Came to seek and save the lost!* 1:68,77; 19:10
(Mt 1:21)
- *Raised from the dead!* 24:6,7,26,36-43
(Rom 1:4)

WHERE: “were handed down to us by those who were eyewitnesses” v2

- “eyewitnesses” - see with one’s own eyes ... *autoptEs* ... “autopsy”
- “handed down” – tradition? Yes! “who are parents?” ... “who discovered America?”...!

Four Gospels writers – Two were eyewitnesses, two got info from eyewitnesses.

2Pt 1:13-16 - NOT “cleverly devised tales”

HOW: “having investigated everything carefully” v3

- *Careful historian living at that time and in that place*
- *Our texts* - result of careful research by qualified scholars from credible resources

WHY: “so that you may know the exact
truth” v4

i.e., *not be “tripped up”* - stand firmly!

*Keep reading, meditating on, teaching,
preaching, the gospel!*

Mk 1:1...16:16; Jn 20:30-31

- *Q: Have you read it lately?*
- *Q: When is the last time you read it with your children?*
- *Q: Is your life built on it?*
- *Q: Are you ready to meet this person Luke knew and wrote about?*