

Day 4: Ordered Truth for Strengthened Faith

Read and Reflect: Luke 1:3

Luke's careful investigation reminds us that God welcomes thoughtful faith. Questions pursued humbly lead to deeper trust.

Where do I need clarity rather than avoidance?

How can I pursue truth with humility and confidence?

Day 5: Faith and Certainty

Read and Reflect: Luke 1:4; Hebrews 11:1

Luke writes so believers may have certainty, not arrogance, a settled confidence rooted in the truth.

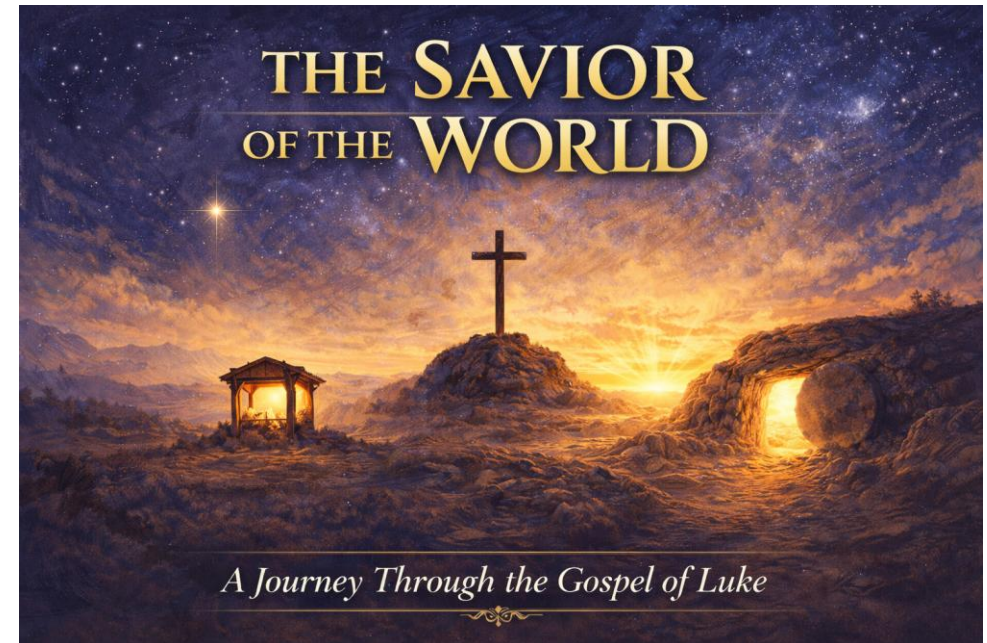
Where does my faith feel most vulnerable right now?

How does Luke's purpose encourage me to trust Christ more fully?

As you journey through Luke this week and beyond, remember:

The clearer we see Jesus, the closer we are drawn to Him.

And the closer we are drawn to Him, the more confidently we follow Him.



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THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD:

Certainty about the Savior

Luke 1:1-4

SERMON NOTES

Why Luke, Why Now?

We live in a world confused about Jesus—reimagining, reducing, or redefining Him. Luke writes to give certainty, to ground true faith in real events, real witnesses, and the real Savior. After all, Christianity is not built on vague impressions, but on fulfilled promises and historical truth.

Seven Foundations for Gospel Certainty

1. The Gospel's Prior Testimony (v. 1a) – The gospel was already known, proclaimed, and written. Luke writes as a believing participant, not a detached observer.
2. The Work of Redemption Completed (v. 1b) – God's saving promises are fulfilled, not pending. Our hope rests on what God has done, not what we do.
3. Eyewitnesses & Faithful Stewards (v. 2) – Those who saw Jesus became servants of the Word. Faith is the right response to reliable testimony.
4. A Personal Commitment to Write (v. 3a) – Luke writes from conviction, not obligation. God often advances His work through faithful responsibility.
5. A Carefully Ordered Account (v. 3b) – Luke investigates carefully and writes clearly. Thoughtful faith is strengthened, not threatened, by truth.
6. A Real Recipient: Theophilus (v. 3c) – A real person: taught, seeking, and addressed personally. The gospel always comes to us by name.
7. A Settled Confidence in Christ (v. 4) – Luke's goal: certainty—faith that stands firm under pressure.

Certainty in the Savior

You can trust Jesus Christ as the true Savior of the world.
You can build your life on this gospel.
You can follow Christ with confidence, both now and forever.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Day 1: A Gospel Rooted in History

Read and Reflect: Luke 1:1

Luke reminds us that the gospel did not emerge in isolation. It was proclaimed, examined, and shared among a community of believers. Christianity has always been public truth, not private myth.

Where do I tend to treat faith as a personal feeling rather than revealed and shared truth?
How does knowing the gospel has been publicly witnessed strengthen my confidence?

Day 2: Fulfilled Promises, Finished Work

Read and Reflect: Luke 1:1; John 19:30

Luke emphasizes fulfillment. Salvation is not something we complete. It is something Christ has accomplished.

Am I resting in Christ's finished work, or am I striving to earn acceptance and assurance?
How does Christ's completed redemption free me today?

Day 3: Seeing, Serving, and Witnessing

Read and Reflect: Luke 1:2; Acts 4:20

Those who saw Jesus became servants of the Word. Encounter leads to obedience, and obedience leads to witness.

How has my encounter with Christ shaped my willingness to serve?
Who might God be calling me to testify to this week?