

## Study Guide — Can We Really Know?

Luke 1:1–4

**Big Idea:** Because Christ was faithfully proclaimed and carefully recorded, we can know Him with certainty.

### 1. Partake the Word (Receive & Feed)

#### Primary Passage

Luke 1:1–4 (CSB)

#### Key Supporting Passages

- John 20:30–31 — The purpose of the Gospel accounts
- 2 Timothy 3:16–17 — The reliability and sufficiency of Scripture
- Isaiah 40:8 — The enduring nature of God's Word
- Matthew 24:35 — Christ's words will never pass away
- 2 Peter 1:16–21 — Eyewitness testimony and divine inspiration
- Hebrews 6:17–20 — The certainty and hope found in God's promises

#### Key Greek Words

##### καθεξῆς (kathexēs) — “Orderly Sequence”

To arrange carefully, systematically, and logically.

Luke did not randomly collect stories about Jesus. He carefully organized his Gospel so readers could clearly understand who Christ is and why He came.

##### ἐπιγνώσις (epignōs) — “Know Fully”

A complete, thorough, experiential knowledge.

Luke desired more than intellectual agreement. He wanted believers to possess a confident and personal knowledge of Christ.

##### ἀσφάλειαν (asphaleian) — “Certainty”

Security, stability, firmness, dependable footing.

The image is that of standing on solid ground that cannot be shaken.

## **ὑπηρέται (hypēretai) — "Servants"**

An attendant or under-rower serving under authority.

The eyewitnesses understood that the Gospel was not theirs to invent but theirs to faithfully deliver.

## **2. Probe the Word (Study & Examine)**

### **I. The Proclaimers of Christ (vv. 1–2)**

Luke begins by acknowledging that many had undertaken to record the life and ministry of Jesus.

The events surrounding Christ were too significant to ignore.

His miracles.

His teachings.

His death.

His resurrection.

People who witnessed these events understood they were watching history unfold before their eyes.

Christianity was never built upon rumors, myths, or legends.

It was built upon eyewitness testimony.

### **Reflection**

- Why is it important that Christianity is rooted in real historical events?

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- How does eyewitness testimony strengthen your confidence in Scripture?

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- What does it reveal about God that He chose to preserve His truth through faithful witnesses?

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- How are believers today continuing the work of proclaiming Christ?

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## II. The Precision of the Account of Christ (v. 3)

Luke carefully investigated everything.

As a physician, researcher, and historian, Luke examined the evidence with great care.

The Christian faith welcomes investigation because truth withstands scrutiny.

God has never asked His people to place their faith in fiction.

Biblical faith is rooted in truth.

Luke's orderly account reveals a God who is not the author of confusion but of clarity.

### Reflection

- What evidence has strengthened your confidence in the reliability of Scripture?

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- Why do many people confuse faith with blind belief?

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- How does Luke's careful investigation challenge that idea?

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- Where are you tempted to trust cultural opinions more than God's revealed truth?

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### **III. The Purpose of the Account: Certainty in Christ (v. 4)**

Luke finally reveals his purpose.

He wants believers to know with certainty the things they have been taught.

The goal of Scripture is not merely information.

The goal is confidence.

Confidence in Christ.

Confidence in His promises.

Confidence in His salvation.

Confidence in His presence.

Life often brings uncertainty.

Questions arise.

Trials come.

Losses occur.

Yet Christ remains unchanged.

The same Savior who walked with His disciples continues to walk with His people today.

## Reflection

- What circumstances are currently testing your confidence in God?

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- What does Luke teach us about where certainty is found?

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- Why is certainty in Christ different from self-confidence?

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- How does knowing Christ help you better understand who you are?

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## IV. Our Truest Identity Is Found in Christ

One of the defining questions of our generation is: "Who am I?"

Many seek the answer in achievements, relationships, possessions, feelings, or personal desires.

Scripture points us somewhere else.

The more clearly, we see Christ, the more clearly, we understand ourselves.

Identity is not ultimately discovered by looking inward. Identity is discovered by looking upward. When we know Christ, we discover whose we are.

Our truest identity is not found in:

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| • What we do  | • What others think | • Our failures |
| • What we own | • Our successes     | • Our past     |

Our truest identity is found in Jesus Christ.

**Reflection**

- What labels have I allowed to define me that God never intended to define me?

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- Where am I looking for identity apart from Christ?

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- How would my life change if I truly believed that my identity is secure in Jesus?

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- What truths about who I am in Christ do I most need to remember this week?

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**3. Practice the Word (Live It Out)**

This Week:

- Read Luke 1:1–4 each morning before beginning your day.
- Write down one truth about Jesus that you know with certainty.
- Identify one area of life where you need to trust Christ more fully.
- Replace one anxious thought each day with a promise from Scripture.
- Encourage another believer by sharing a truth about Christ's faithfulness.
- Thank God daily for preserving His Word and revealing His Son.

#### **4. Pray & Praise Him (Depend & Declare)**

##### **Prayer**

Father,

Thank You for giving us a trustworthy account of Your Son. Thank You that our faith rests upon truth and not speculation. Thank You for preserving Your Word so that we may know Christ with certainty.

Help us stand firm when life feels uncertain. Anchor our hearts in Your promises. Remind us that our identity is not found in the changing opinions of this world but in the unchanging reality that we belong to Jesus.

Strengthen our faith, deepen our confidence, and help us walk faithfully with You. In Jesus' name,

Amen.

##### **Praise Jesus Because...**

- His Word is trustworthy.
- His promises never fail.
- His truth withstands scrutiny.
- His Gospel is rooted in history.
- His presence remains constant.
- His salvation is secure.
- His identity gives meaning to ours.
- His faithfulness endures forever.
- He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.
- He gives certainty in an uncertain world.