

The Gospel of Luke

Jesus called his message the _____ (*euangellion*) quoting from Isaiah 61 which Luke records at 4:16-19 and then again in answer to _____ at 7:18-22.

The Greek word translated “gospel” literally means “_____”. Using letters from our alphabet we would spell it something like *euangellion* from which we get our word _____. It is interesting that a word that was initially a _____ has become a _____ simply because Jesus told us to tell others about him.

Luke does not call his record a gospel, but simply writes the following:

Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile an account of the things accomplished among us, just as they were _____ to us by those who from the beginning were _____ and servants of the word, it seemed fitting for me as well, having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write it out for you in consecutive order, most excellent Theophilus; so that you may know the exact truth about the things you have been taught. 1:1-4

After writing the gospel, Luke authored _____ essentially as a sequel or follow-up. The record of Acts describes how Jesus’ work was brought to full fruition by his apostles spreading the good news about his _____, _____ & _____ throughout the world (Colossians 1:6&23) which immediately resulted in the establishment of the _____ in Jerusalem.

Acts also records that Luke was a _____ - _____ with the apostle Paul as we read at 16:10-13, 20:13-15, 21:1-18, 27:1-28:16. Paul’s writings also witness to their working together – Colossians 4:14, 2nd Timothy 4:11 & Philemon 24. Paul refers to Luke as both a _____ and _____.

Date of the writing – Luke concludes Acts with Paul in _____ (28:16-31), leading the reader to believe that Paul was still _____ at its completion. Paul’s death can be dated to AD64, thus the gospel, being completed before Acts, would likely have been finished some time before this date.

Why Four Gospels?

The Holy Spirit has not revealed the reason to us, but none should be needed. There is no more important story to be told and whereas the law of Moses required _____ or _____ witnesses to establish truth, God has

provided even a fourth clear message of his son's life among us including his work & teaching.

Some postulate and with good reason that Matthew's gospel is aimed at a _____ audience. Mark's writing seems for a reader of _____ origin and is the only gospel writer who begins his work calling it a "_____". John focused on the _____ Jesus performed which proved his identity as God's son.

Luke's writing is addressed to one named "Theophilus" and seems attuned especially for a _____ mind such as _____ culture would appreciate. They were, it seems, caught up in the search for the _____, _____, and Jesus was that man.

With these things in mind, let us study the good doctor's detailed picture of the Great Physician's work while among men.