

Episode 45

“Therefore, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, it seemed good also to me to write an orderly account for you, most excellent friend of God, so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.”

- Luke 1:3-4

These words were first written for the benefit of Theophilus, which means friend of God, so that he would have **certainty**. In the world there is so little certainty, but in the Word there is immense certainty.

There are ongoing debates about what is wrong with the world, how to fix it and often we can't even agree on what is right with the world. We like to think that this is a new problem and no-one before us has ever struggled with what we are going through, but Luke researched and wrote his account of Jesus' life for this very purpose, so that in the midst of the confusion we can find certainty.

There is a strange relationship between faith and certainty, which often seem like opposites. Doesn't the need for faith rule out the possibility of certainty? Or if I'm certain about something why do I need faith?

Let me quote from the greatest chapter about faith. *“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and **certain** of what we do not see...and without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.”* Heb 11:1-6

Everything in life is influencing what we believe. In Luke we will hear from reliable oral tradition, eye-witness testimony and detailed written record of what Jesus accomplished during His short life. As we journey with Luke through these pages, we encounter a Jesus we can trust.

My encouragement to you today is to come prayerfully and read what the most educated, well spoken and most well researched author in the Bible, Luke, has to say to us. Trusting that as we see the character of Christ our King on display, that our faith would rise and that we would learn to trust Him. Then let this certainty overflow, like Mary and Zechariah, in worship, as the **certainty of Christ** breaks into the uncertainty of our lives and changes them forever!

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