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## “That You May Have Certainty”

Luke 1:1-4

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### **Journeying with Luke Series Introduction**

Topical and expository sermon series

Looking at Jesus

The motif of journey as appropriate to Luke

Journeying as a state of mind

See new things even in familiar territory

There are risks (confronted with new ideas, challenged to change)

There is somewhere we are trying to get to (be like Jesus)

### **The Prologue: 1:1-4**

Seven layers of reliability

1. The date of writing: 62-80: not enough time for myth development
2. Many have undertaken: multiple sources of evidence
3. Among us: Luke writes as a member of the community
4. Eyewitnesses from the beginning (see John 1:14; 1 John 1:1-4; 2 Peter 1:16-18)
5. “Ministers” (official representatives, officers) of the word (Acts 8:4, 10:36)
6. Having followed all things closely from the first
7. Writing an orderly account

That you, Theophilus, may have certainty

### **Living in the Age of Advertising and Fake News**

Litmus tests for credibility

Credibility of the messenger (3, 6)

Credibility of the sources (2, 4, 5)

Credibility of the transmission process (1, 7)

There is strong reason to trust this ancient account