

Opening Session

Text: Luke 1:1-4

Title: "That you may know the certainty of those things"

THE GOSPEL NARRATIVE

1. Many have sought to write about it
 - a. Diligently ("taken in hand")
 - b. Meticulously ("to set in order")
 - c. They sought to understand it ("the things which have been fulfilled")

2. What the gospel consists of
 - a. Actual events (πραγματων)
 - b. Recounted in the form of a narrative
 - i. Different characters
 - ii. Various settings
 - c. Underlying theme: the things which have been fulfilled among us
 - Cf. Acts 1:1-3
 - i. What the Lord Jesus did and taught
 - ii. The work of the Holy Spirit
 - iii. Commandments given to the Apostles
 - iv. The Lord Jesus' suffering and resurrection
 - v. The Kingdom of God

3. Understanding further what the gospel is
 - a. It is true
 - i. There were those who were able to give a first-hand account (eyewitnesses)

- ii. From the beginning
- b. It is deeply impactful
 - i. People arose to become ministers of it
 - ii. Ministers: υπηρετης, tr. "servants"

A PERSON WHO WAS IMPACTED BY THE GOSPEL: LUKE

"it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding from the first, to write to you an orderly account" (Luke 1:3)

1. Luke
 - a. A physician (Colossians 4:14)
 - i. He accompanied Paul on his missionary journeys
 - ii. He was not part of the Twelve nor was he with the Lord Jesus
 - b. He was personally moved to understand and share the Gospel
2. But he was able to give a thorough presentation of it
 - a. He had taken careful note to all that had happened
 - b. There was complete and thorough knowledge
 - c. He was able to present it in an orderly manner

THE PURPOSE OF THE GOSPEL

"that you may know the certainty of the things which you have been instructed"

1. Instruction
2. Knowledge
3. Certainty

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

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