

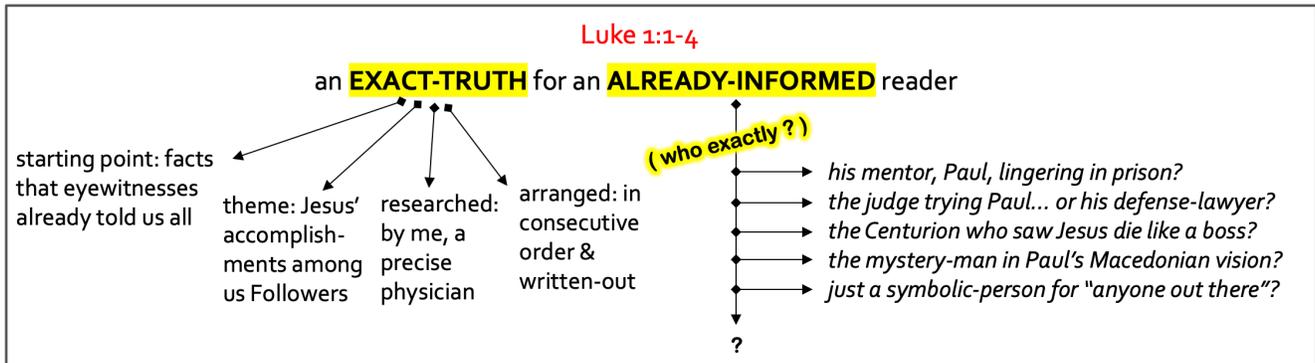
“VOICE OF PAUL-x-LUKE” SERIES

This series shows how the writings of the apostle Paul and his traveling-&-writing assistant Luke, all tie in together to construct “the basic frame of the entire New Testament” from 16 of its books. Under Paul’s unique influence, all these writings emphasize *God forging His People into a new kind of Followership whose “growth policy” involves embodying every kind of people & heritage.* It is within the framework of this people-building endeavor that (1) the Forgiving-&-Restoring Power of Jesus especially gets to be displayed, and where (2) its best participants are those whose lives have God’s Presence “pouring forth” within them.

study #1: An “Exact Truth” for an “Already-Informed” Reader — covering **Luke 1:1-4** —

ACTION #1. Altogether as a group read **Luke 1:1-4** and then:

- in your own words, *what all* is Luke the author saying in these verses to introduce this book of **Luke**?
- examine this chart of **Luke 1:1-4** for 1-minute; which part of it piques your interest/curiosity the most?
- how would *you yourself* title these first 4 verses of the book of Luke?



ACTION #2. Read just the very first verse of the Luke’s very next book (Acts) and then discuss the different ways these two New Testament books (**Luke** and **Acts**) might possibly relate.

ACTION #3. As a group, go to the bible’s table of contents and read aloud the names of just the next 14 books that immediately follow **Luke** and **Acts**, and then as a group discuss:

- if you were to learn that Luke served as Paul’s writing assistant for some of these 14 books which Paul wrote, *what possible relationship between all 16 of these NT books* do you think we might find?
- Out of all 16 of these books now mentioned, which 1 of them do you think might be the most “foundational” to properly understanding all the others and why? (talk, debate it through, imagine *how*)

ACTION #4. Have someone in your group read aloud the summary about our 36-week series (at the top), and then discuss together: which phrase or line or idea above seems most interesting to you as we start this series?

ACTION #5. Each person share briefly one final summary, personal take-away, “ah-ha!” insight, or new question or curiosity from today’s study.

EXTRA... FOR THOSE MOTIVATED, DEVOTED, & WITH SOME SELF-COMMAND:

GOLD CHALLENGE ...read ahead (& maybe journal about) for next study: **Luke 1:5 – 4:13**

PENGUIN CHALLENGE ... (=daily reading + cover full NT+Psalms during series): read **GC** plus **Mark 1-5**