

## **RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION**

Luke 1:1-4, Acts 18:24-28

18:25 *This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord – he had been catechized. to teach in a systematic or detailed manner.*

*...he was speaking and teaching accurately the things concerning Jesus...*

*accurately* – pertaining to a strict conformity to a norm or standard, involving both detail and completeness.

*... being acquainted only with the baptism of John.*

**How, where and from whom had Apollos been catechized about Jesus by 52AD?**

*“one Chrestus.” Suetonius*

*he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, demonstrating by the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ. 18:28*

Luke 1:1-4 *Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, 2 just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. 3 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 Theophilus, 4 so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.*

Luke states his reason for doing all of this: *so that you might know the exact truth about the things you have been taught.*

*Exact truth* – “what qualified instruction affords: certainty, truth, reliability.”

### **I. FIRST, LUKE’S INVESTIGATING PRINCIPLES.**

Luke 1:3 *I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning.*

*Investigate* – “To make an extensive effort to learn the details & truth about something. To check out diligently.”

*carefully* – “pertaining to a strict conformity to a norm or standard, involving both detail & completeness. Strictly.”

- A. **He did not record any fulfillment events that did not have eyewitness testimony.**

*everything  
from the beginning.*

- B. **He did not record any fulfillment events that did not have credible eyewitnesses.**

*servants of the word  
hand down*

- C. **He did not record any fulfillment events that did not have corroborative testimony.**

Acts 1:3 *To these (disciples) He (Jesus) also presented Himself alive, after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days...*

*Convincing proofs:* “That which causes something to be known as verified or confirmed.”

- D. **Events had to fit into an orderly account.**
- E. **Supernatural events were included in his report if there were eyewitness evidence and convincing proofs.**

## II. **THE INVESTIGATING PROCEDURES.**

- A. **Make a list of reported fulfillment-events he'd been taught.**

- B. Interview eyewitnesses to these events.
  - 1. From the very beginning.
  - 2. Until the final page.
- C. Determine credibility of witnesses. (Over time.)
- D. Corroborate events for which there were eyewitnesses.
- E. Lay out the proven fulfillment-events in an order manner.
- F. Work out details of order and structure of report.
- G. Write an orderly report.

III. **LUKE'S INVESTIGATIVE RESULTS: THE FULFILLMENT EVENTS CONCERNING JESUS ARE CONSISTENT WITH A PERSON WHO IS KING OF KINGS.**

**During His three years of public life He demonstrated authority and power no other King ever had.**

- 1. Authority over creation –
  - a. calming storms – Luke 8
  - b. Multiplying (creating new) matter – Luke 9
- 2. Authority over sickness, disease, physical handicaps.– Luke 4, 6, 17,19
- 3. Authority over demons – Luke 4; 8; 9
- 4. Authority to forgive men's sins – Luke 5
- 5. Authority over the Day of Rest. – Luke 6
- 6. Authority to know the future & men's thoughts – Luke 7;13; 24
- 7. Authority to save from hell – Luke 7
- 8. Authority over the Kingdom of God – Luke 8;12;19
- 9. Authority to delegate authority – Luke 9; 10
- 10. Authority of Divine Glory – Luke 9 – Transfiguration
- 11. Authority of being God's beloved Son – Luke 9
- 12. Authority in the Word of God – Luke 11
- 13. Authority over death – Luke 7;8

**He rose from the dead in a new creation body after the rulers of this world put Him to death.**

The Royal Battle Begins – Luke 22 - 23

But the Battle is not finished. It continues. Luke 24

**Jesus has proven He is King of Kings.**

**Eyewitness testimony clearly shows Jesus has fulfilled OT prophecies that only the King of Kings would fulfill.**

1:1 *Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us.*

24:44-48 *44 He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." 45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. 46 He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things.*