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3. Luke was not an eyewitness of the life of Christ but did "careful research" to write his account in an orderly fashion (1:1-4).
4. Literary style shows his education.
5. While he is writing an "orderly account," Luke is very purposeful in writing to show the scope of Jesus' ministry as Messiah bringing salvation to all people.

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Outsiders in Luke

Women in Prominent Roles

- Elizabeth (1:5-66) •Anna (2:36-38)
- Mary (1:26-56; 2:1-20, 41-52)
- Widow of Nain (7:11-15) •Anointing (7:36)
- Women Disciples (8:1-3; 24:1-10)

Outcasts in Prominent Roles

- Gentiles (2:32; 24:47) •Poor (6:20-23)
- Shepherds (2:8-20) •Lepers (17:11-17)
- Samaritans (10:30-36; 17:16)
- Tax Collectors & Sinners (15:1)

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Jesus Is the Perfect Man Bringing Salvation to All

Advent & Activities (Focus on Miracles)		Opposition & Instruction (Focus on Teaching)	
Prologue and Purpose of the Gospel 1:1-4		The Journey to Jerusalem: Jewish Rejection & A New Way	
Infancy Narratives Demonstrating God's Work from the Start		The Disciples' Privilege, Mission, & Commitment 9:51-10:24	
The Births of John the Baptist and Jesus the Savior 1:5-2:40	1:5 2:52	The Demands of Discipleship 10:25-11:13	
Jesus at the Temple Aware of His Mission 2:41-52		Controversies, Corrections, & Calls to Trust 11:14-54	
Preparation for Ministry: Jesus Anointed as Messianic Son		The Nature of True Discipleship: Trusting God 12:1-48	
John's Ministry and Baptism of Jesus 3:1-22	3:1	Knowing the Nature of the Times: Israel's Rejection & Blessing Offered 12:49-14:24	
Genealogy of Jesus: The Son of God is the Ultimate Son of Adam 3:23-38	4:13	Counting the Cost of Discipleship 14:25-35	
The Temptation of Jesus: Victory over Satan & Dedication to His Call 4:1-13		God's Pursuit of Sinners 15:1-32	
Galilean Ministry: The Revelation and Teaching of Jesus		Generosity: Dealing with Money & Possessions 16:1-31	
Overview of Jesus' Ministry: Sermon in the Synagogue & Miracles in Capernaum 4:14-44	4:14	False Teaching: Forgiveness, Faith, & Service 17:1-10	
The Gathering of the Twelve Disciples: Calling, Teaching, & Opposition 5:1-6:16		The King, The Kingdom, & The Kingdom Consummation 17:11-18:8	
The Great Sermon on the Plain: A Call to Love all People 6:17-49		Lessons on Discipleship: Humility & Trusting All to God 18:9-30	
Calls to Faith & Questions about Jesus 7:1-8:3		Turning Toward Jerusalem: Messianic Power & Responses to Christ 18:31-19:44	19:44
Responses of Faith & Answers about Jesus 8:4-9:17	9:50	Jerusalem Ministry: The Innocent Slain & Raised	
A Confession of Christ & The Demands of Discipleship 9:18-50		Controversy in Jerusalem: Questions & Confrontations 19:45-21:4	19:45
The Journey to Jerusalem: Jewish Rejection & A New Way		Jerusalem's Destruction & The Last Days 21:5-38	
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After careful investigation, Luke wrote to Theophilus—a Gentile believer—providing him with the facts of Jesus' life in order to encourage him that his faith in Jesus was ordained of God through the Holy Spirit as predicted in the Old Testament and as consistent with the universal appeal of salvation as presented by Christ.

The Acts of the Apostles

One Savior for All People Proclaimed to All Nations by the Church in the Power of the Spirit



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3. Luke and Paul met in Troas and Luke joined Paul at this point (see Acts 16:8-11 & "we" in the following sections of Acts).
4. He was a faithful traveling companion & doctor for Paul later in Paul's life (2 Tim. 4:11, Phm 24).
5. He was faithful to Paul to the very end of his life (2 Tim. 4:11).
6. Literary style shows his education.
7. Historian & Theologian (Lk. 1:1-4).

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Peter/Paul Parallels

Peter	Event	Paul
2:22-29	Similar Sermon	13:26-41
3:1-10	Healing Lame Man	14:8-11
4:8	Filled w/ Spirit	13:9
5:15	Healing w/ shadow/cloth	19:12
8:17	Laying on Hands bring HS	19:6
8:18-24	Confronted a Sorcerer	13:6-11
9:36-41	Raised the Dead	20:9-12
12:6-11	Miraculous Release	16:25-41

Peter Apostle to the Jews		Paul Apostle to the Gentiles	
1:1	The Church Founded in Jerusalem Introduction: A continuing work for Theophilus - 1:1-2 Preparation for Pentecost: A Commission & a Replacement - 1:3-26 Pentecost & the Coming of the Holy Spirit: The Birth of the Church - 2:1-47 The Beginnings of Persecution - 3:1-4:31 Growth & Opposition from Within & Without - 4:32-6:6 <i>Progress Report: Jerusalem Church Growing - 6:7</i>	6:7	The Church Expanded from Jerusalem The Ministry & Martyrdom of Stephen: The Church Scattered - 6:8-8:3 The Ministry of Philip: The Church Released - 8:4-40 The Conversion of Paul - 9:1-30 <i>Progress Report: Judea, Galilee, Samaria Growing - 9:31</i>
9:31	The Church Expanded to the Gentiles The Conversion of Cornelius: The Gentile Mission Inaugurated - 9:32-11:18 The Church in Antioch: The Gentile Mission Center Established - 11:19-30 The Great Reversal: Martyrdom, Imprisonment, Deliverance, Justice - 12:1-23 (Herod Kills James & Imprisons Peter / God Releases Peter & Kills Herod) <i>Progress Report: Gentile Church Growing - 12:24</i>	12:24	The Establishment of Pauline Apostleship <i>The First Missionary Journey: The Gentile Mission Begins - 12:25-14:28</i> The Jerusalem Council: The Gentile Mission Validated - 15:1-35 The Team Divides: The Gentile Mission Expands - 15:36-16:4 <i>Progress Report: Gentile Churches Growing Daily - 16:5</i>
16:5	The Lord Glorified among the Gentiles <i>The Second Missionary Journey: The Gentile Mission Continues - 16:7-18:22</i> (Macedonia & Achaia: Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, Athens, Corinth) <i>The Third Missionary Journey: The Gentile Mission Strengthened - 18:23-19:19</i> (Apollos, Pricilla, Aquilla, & Paul Equip the Church in Ephesus) {Parenthesis: John the Baptist's Disciples Receive the Holy Spirit - 19:1-7} <i>Progress Report: Gentile Churches Growing Widely - 19:20</i>	19:20	The Testimony of Christ Carried to Rome The Decision: Go to Jerusalem and then to Rome - 19:21-22 The Riot in Ephesus: The Conflict of Powers - 19:23-41 Encouraging the Churches on the Way: Macedonia, Greece, Troas - 20:1-16 Paul & the Ephesian Elders in Miletus - 20:17-38 In Tyre & Caesarea: Agabus Prophecies Trouble in Jerusalem - 21:1-16 Paul in Jerusalem: Arrest and Self-Defense - 21:17-23:11 <i>The Journey to Rome: Trials {Felix, Festus, Agrippa} and Travels - 23:12-28:10</i> Arrival and Ministry in Rome - 28:11-30 <i>Progress Report: Gospel Proclaimed Boldly & Unhindered - 28:31</i>
28:31	...to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8).		

Two or Three Witnesses

In showing the validity of the Global Christian Gospel Luke frequently uses the Old Testament standard of two or three witnesses for confirmation of truth (Deut. 19:15) by repeating themes & stories at critical places in Acts.

Luke, a companion and supporter of Paul's mission to the Gentiles, set forth the history of the followers of Jesus as empowered by the Holy Spirit, highlighting Peter—who opened the door of the gospel to the Gentiles—and Paul—who expanded the gospel to the ends of the earth—in order to demonstrate that the Global Scope & Mandate for the Gospel is not a new innovation but has always been the Ultimate Mission of God, Commission of Jesus and Priority of the Spirit.