

Sermon Notes | **with** - Luke 1:1-33

Luke 1:1-4

Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

The gospel is written for our certainty.

- Coming to certainty is a journey
- We are to have certainty about Jesus

Luke 1:13-17

But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared."

Luke 1:28-33

And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Big Idea: Jesus came to us so we can be certain of Him.

Discussion Guide | **with** - Luke 1:1-33

Read Luke 1:1–4

- What did God speak to you through the service?
- What did you learn about the gospel of Luke?

Read Luke 1:5–38

- How were Mary's and Zechariah's responses different?
- How can Mary's attitude—"Let it be done to me"—inspire you to trust Jesus with hard things?

Re-read Luke 1:31–33

- How certain are you in your beliefs about Jesus?
- How does it make you feel that in a world full of uncertainty, God offers us an unshakable kingdom?
- What are you doing right now to investigate Jesus?
- What is one step you can take this month to grow more certain about Him?