

INTRODUCTION

- * Today, we begin a new series - a study of the Gospel According to Luke.
- * It has been well stated each of the Gospels seem to present Christ from a different "angle." Traditionally, most commentators declare that Matthew presents Jesus as "The Promised Messiah," Mark presents Him as "The Suffering Servant," Luke presents Him as "The Son of Man," and John presents Him as "The Son of God."
- * There were reasons why each of the writers wrote their gospel accounts. As we have considered each of these gospel accounts we have seen that indeed Matthew was a Jewish man writing to a Jewish audience about a Jewish Messiah. His focus was upon proving that Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah by declaring the authenticity of His Messianic claim - through His genealogy, His miracles and signs, His teaching, and His resurrection. Mark, I believe, was writing Peter's account of the life of Christ after he was brought to Rome at the request of Paul. John declares that he was writing in order that those reading would "believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name."
- * As we begin our study today, we want to look at who it is that wrote this gospel (since the author does not declare himself), to whom the author was writing, and the purpose for which he was writing.

INSTRUCTION

I. THE AUTHOR

A. His I _____

1. AS I _____ BY H _____ TESTIMONY
2. AS I _____ FROM B _____ TESTIMONY
 - a. The Author was NOT _____
 - b. The Author appears to be _____ (cf. Luke 1:3; Acts 1:1-2)
 - c. The Author appears to have _____ (cf. Acts 16:7-10)
 - d. The Author appears to be _____ (cf. Luke 5:12; 7:1-10; 22:41-46; 8:43; Colossians 4:14)

B. His E _____ (cf. Colossians 4:7-14)

C. His F _____

1. TO THE W _____ OF THE LORD (cf. Colossians 4:7-14; Philemon 1:23-24; 2 Timothy 4:9-11)
2. TO THE W _____ OF THE LORD (cf. Luke 1:2,4)

II. THE RECIPIENT (v. 3)

A. His I _____ (cf. Acts 23:26; 24:3; 26:25)

B. His N _____ (cf. Luke 7:6; 11:5-8; John 15:12-17; James 2:23; 4:4; John 21:15-19)

III. THE PURPOSE (v. 4)

A. To Write _____

B. To Give _____

- * cf. Acts 5:23; 1 Thess 5:3; Acts 21:34; 22:30; 25:26; Phil 3:1; Heb 6:19; ... John 30-31
- * cf. Acts 18:25; 21:21,24; Romans 2:18; 1 Corinthians 14:19; Galatians 6:6; 2 Timothy 3:10-17

INTROSPECTION

- * What would your name be if God filled in the blank: _____-Philus?
- * Are you assured of the testimony of Scripture?
- * How faithful are you to the Work of God and the Word of God?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * How can we best impact our culture with the surety of God's Word?