

BIBLE STUDY

LUKE

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Witnesses

Luke 1:1-4 Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile an account of the things accomplished among us, ² just as they were handed down to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, ³ it seemed good for me as well, having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write *it* out for you in consecutive order, most excellent Theophilus; ⁴ so that you may know the exact truth about the things you have been taught.

Hebrews 2:1-4 For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away *from it*. ² For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just penalty, ³ how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard...

1 Corinthians 15:3-8 ³ For I (Paul) delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; ⁷ then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; ⁸ and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me (Paul) also.

Acts 2:32 [Peter preaches to the Jewish people]: This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses.

Acts 10:40-41 [Peter preaches to Cornelius, the Gentile centurion]: ⁴⁰ God raised Jesus up on the third day and granted that He become visible, ⁴¹ not to all the people, but to witnesses who were chosen beforehand by God, *that is*, to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.

Acts 13:31 [Paul speaks to the Jewish people about Jesus' death and resurrection, continuing with:] ³¹ and for many days Jesus appeared to those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, the very ones who are now His witnesses to the people.

Question:

(1) Jesus (2) eyewitnesses (3) Paul and those who heard the eyewitnesses (4) Those who heard it from those who got it from eyewitnesses. To which group do we belong?

Jesus—eyewitness—Luke—readers of Luke

Put one of these numbers at each person in the above quotes (including named persons, the word “witnesses”, and pronouns)

Numbers 11:27-29

²⁷ And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸ And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." ²⁹ But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

2 Kings 1

⁹ Then the king [of Samaria] sent to him a captain of fifty men with his fifty. He went up to Elijah, who was sitting on the top of a hill, and said to him, "O man of God, the king says, 'Come down.'" ¹⁰ But Elijah answered the captain of fifty, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty." Then fire came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.

¹¹ Again the king sent to him another captain of fifty men with his fifty. And he answered and said to him, "O man of God, this is the king's order, 'Come down quickly!'" ¹² But Elijah answered them, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty." Then the fire of God came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.

Luke 9

⁴⁶ An argument started among them as to which of them might be the greatest. ⁴⁷ But Jesus, knowing what they were thinking in their heart, took a child and stood him by His side, ⁴⁸ and said, "Whoever receives this child in My name receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me; for the one who is least among all of you, this is the one who is great." ⁴⁹ John answered and said, "Master, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name; and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow along with us." ⁵⁰ But Jesus said, "Do not hinder *him*; for he who is not against you is for you."

Luke 9:51-56

⁵¹ When the days were approaching for His ascension, He was determined to go to Jerusalem; ⁵² and He sent messengers on ahead of Him, and they went and entered a village of the Samaritans to make arrangements for Him. ⁵³ But they did not receive Him, because He was traveling toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When His disciples James and John saw *this*, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵ But He turned and rebuked them. And they went on to another village.

Luke 4:1-14

Narrator: Jesus, full of the **A.** Holy Spirit, **B.** returned from the Jordan and was led around by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being **C.** tempted by the **D.** devil.

1. Narrator: And He ate nothing during those days, and when they had ended, He became hungry. And the devil spoke to Him.

Devil: If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.

Jesus: It is written, "Man shall not live on bread alone."

2. Narrator: And the devil led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

Devil: I will give You all this domain and its glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. Therefore if you worship before me, it shall all be Yours.

Jesus: It is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and serve Him only."

3. Narrator: And he led Him to Jerusalem and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple.

Devil: If you are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here; for it is written, "He will command His angels concerning You to guard You," and "On their hands they will bear You up, so that You will not strike Your foot against a stone."

Jesus: It is said, "You shall not tempt the Lord your God."

Narrator: When the **D.** devil had finished every **C.** temptation, he left Him until an opportune time. And Jesus **B.** returned to Galilee in the power of the **A.** Spirit and news about Him spread through all the surrounding district.

Luke 5:16 ¹⁶ But Jesus Himself would *often* slip away to the wilderness and pray.

Luke 22:39-46

Narrator: And He came out and proceeded as was His custom to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples also followed Him. When He arrived at the place, He spoke to them.

A. Jesus: **Pray that you may not be led into temptation.**

B. Narrator: And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and *began* to **pray**.

X. Jesus: Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done.

Narrator: Now an angel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him. And being in agony He was **praying** very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground.

B. When He rose from **prayer**, He came to the disciples and found them sleeping from sorrow, and spoke to them.

A. Jesus: Why are you sleeping? Get up and **pray that you may not be led into temptation.**

Luke 4:2-10

Jesus became hungry.

1. ³ And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." ⁵ And he led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

2. ⁶ And the devil said to Him, "I will give You all this domain and its glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. ⁷ Therefore if You worship before me, it shall all be Yours." ⁸ Jesus ⁹ And he led Him to Jerusalem and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple,

3. and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here;

Luke 22:54-62

⁵⁴ ...but Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵ After they had kindled a fire...and had sat down together, Peter was sitting among them.

1. ⁵⁶ And a servant-girl, seeing him as he sat in the firelight and looking intently at him, said, "This man was with Him too." ⁵⁷ But he denied *it*, saying, "Woman, I do not know Him."

2. ⁵⁸ Another saw him and said, "You are *one* of them too!" But Peter said, "Man, I am not!"

3. ⁵⁹ A man *began* to insist, saying, "Certainly this man also was with Him, for he is a Galilean too." ⁶⁰ But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." Immediately, while he was still speaking, a rooster crowed.

Luke 23:35-39

³⁵ And the people stood by, looking on.

1. And even the rulers were sneering at Him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if this is the Christ of God, His Chosen One."

2. ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up to Him, offering Him sour wine, ³⁷ and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!" ³⁸ Now there was also an inscription above Him, "THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

3. ³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged *there* was hurling abuse at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!"

Luke 22

³⁹ And He came out and proceeded as was His custom to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples also followed Him. ⁴⁰ When He arrived at the place, He said to them, "Pray that you may not be led into temptation." ⁴¹ And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and *began* to pray, ⁴² saying, "Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done." ⁴³ Now an angel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him. ⁴⁴ And being in agony He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground. ⁴⁵ When He rose from prayer, He came to the disciples and found them sleeping from sorrow, ⁴⁶ and said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not be led into temptation."

Luke 9:28-36 ²⁸ Some eight days after these sayings, He took along Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while He was praying, the appearance of His face became different, and His clothing *became* white *and* lightening flashes. ³⁰ And behold, two men were talking with Him; and they were Moses and Elijah, ³¹ who, appearing in glory, were speaking of His exodus which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions had been overcome with sleep; but when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men standing with Him.

Luke 11

It happened that while Jesus was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples." ² And He said to them, "When you pray, say:
'Father, hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come.
³ 'Give us each day our daily bread.
⁴ 'And forgive us our sins,
For we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.
And lead us not into temptation.'"

“In a predominantly oral society, not only do people deliberately remember but also teachers formulate teachings so as to make them memorable.”

Richard Bauckham

This is what Jesus did and this is what Luke is doing. The techniques used in our Bible studies were used by the Biblical authors to aid the listener (and today's readers) in remembering.