

Highlight – Luke 1: 1 – 4

1 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 With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided 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.

Explain – Luke is making his intent for writing his book very clear, *to draw up an **account** of the things that have been fulfilled among us*, referring to the life of Jesus. This isn't how legends or fairytales begin. What Luke will present to us is the result of careful investigation. Why? *So we may know the certainty of the things we have been taught.*

Apply – What if I read the Book of Luke as if it were a carefully investigated orderly account of the life of Christ? What if there really was a man named Jesus who walked on the earth at a specific location at an exact time in history. What if He really did teach, hear, perform miracles, and cast out demons? What if He really did die on a cross and what if He really did come back to life three days later?

Respond – Jesus, as I read through Luke, I want to come face to face with the real You. I want to experience You the way those did who were in Your presence 2000 years ago. And like them, I want my life to be transformed. Let me meet with encounter the Living God and let my life never be the same. Amen.