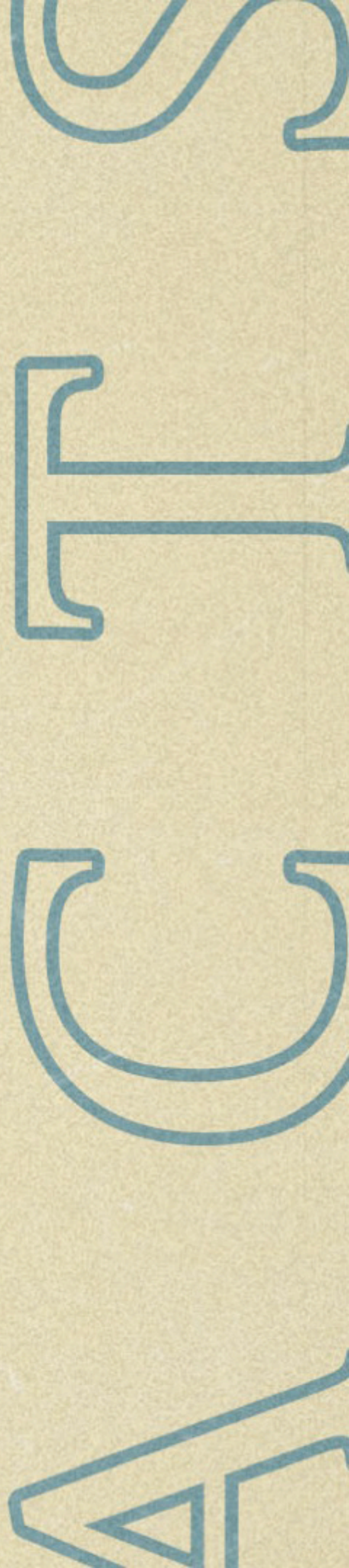


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Luke 1:1-4

Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.

Acts 1:1-5

In my first book I told you, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began to do and teach until the day He was taken up to heaven after giving His chosen apostles further instructions through the Holy Spirit. During the forty days after He suffered and died, He appeared to the apostles from time to time, and He proved to them in many ways that He was actually alive. And He talked to them about the Kingdom of God. Once when He was eating with them, He commanded them, “Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift He promised, as I told you before. John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”



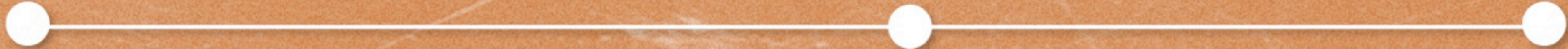
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Jesus' Ascension

Birth of Church



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ACTS 1:1-5
+
LUKE 1:1-4

**CAN I
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CHRISTIAN
SCRIPTURES**

Bible Insecurity of Our Time

- "You're on the wrong side of history!"
- Christianity is no longer seen as strange but evil.
- Biblical orthodoxy will get you canceled by left and right.
- We allow shame/pride to push us off biblical orthodoxy to tribal orthodoxy.

Acts 1:1

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Luke + Acts = 1 Story, 2 Volumes

Acts 1:1 -- In my first book I told you, **Theophilus**, about everything Jesus began to do and teach...

Luke 1:3-4 - I also have decided to write an accurate account for you, most honorable **Theophilus**...

Luke 1:1-4

- (1) Many people have set out to write accounts about the events that have been fulfilled among us. (2) They used the eyewitness reports circulating among us from the early disciples.
- (3) Having carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I also have decided to write an accurate account for you, most honorable Theophilus, (4) so you can be certain of the truth of everything you were taught.

1. Luke + Acts = 1 story, 2 volumes.

2. Luke/Acts is eye-witness testimony from Jesus' disciples investigated and compiled to engender confidence in their truthfulness.

At the very least, our author is attempting to report what actually happened.

Luke 3:1-2

In the 15th year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John [the Baptist] son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

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Onomastics:

The study of proper names

25 Baby Names that Grandparents Think are Way Too Millennial

Lark

Oak

Katniss

Dresden

Breeze

Dynasty

Sable

Saffron

The names from the Bible match the names of Greco-Roman Palestine from that time/era.

We know the names of as many as 3,000 Palestinian Jews who lived between 330 BC to 200 CE.

28.6% of women bore the name Mary or Salome.

15.6% of the men bore the names Simon or Joseph.

Names like John, Judas, Eleazar, and Jonathan were also very popular.

Acts 1:1

In my first book I told you, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began to do and teach until the day He was taken up to heaven after giving His chosen apostles further instructions through the Holy Spirit.

Who is Theophilus?

- The answer is we aren't sure
- The names means God-Lover
(Theo + Philos)
- Could be a more general audience
 - Could be a church/community
 - Could be a specific individual
- Theophilus was a known name during this time

Who is our author?

- Probably Luke.
- The “We” Passages
- Early Church Fathers
- Ancient Book Culture

Luke/Acts would have costed
Luke a lot to produce.

- 1 Corinthians = \$2100
- Galatians = \$700
- 1 Thessalonians = \$500
- Philemon = \$100
- Luke/Acts makes up 27.5%
of the NT.

“It is now well established among modern scholars that early Christians not only preferred the codex instead of the (sc)roll, but they did so at a remarkably early point. Various manuscript discoveries indicate that the codex was the widely established Christian practice by the early second century, if not late in the first... It was not until the late fourth century and beyond that the rest of the ancient world began to prefer the codex to the (sc)roll... The dominant use of the codex reveals a Christian scribal culture able to forge a new literary path by employing a revolutionary book technology that would eventually come to dominate the entire Greco-Roman world.”

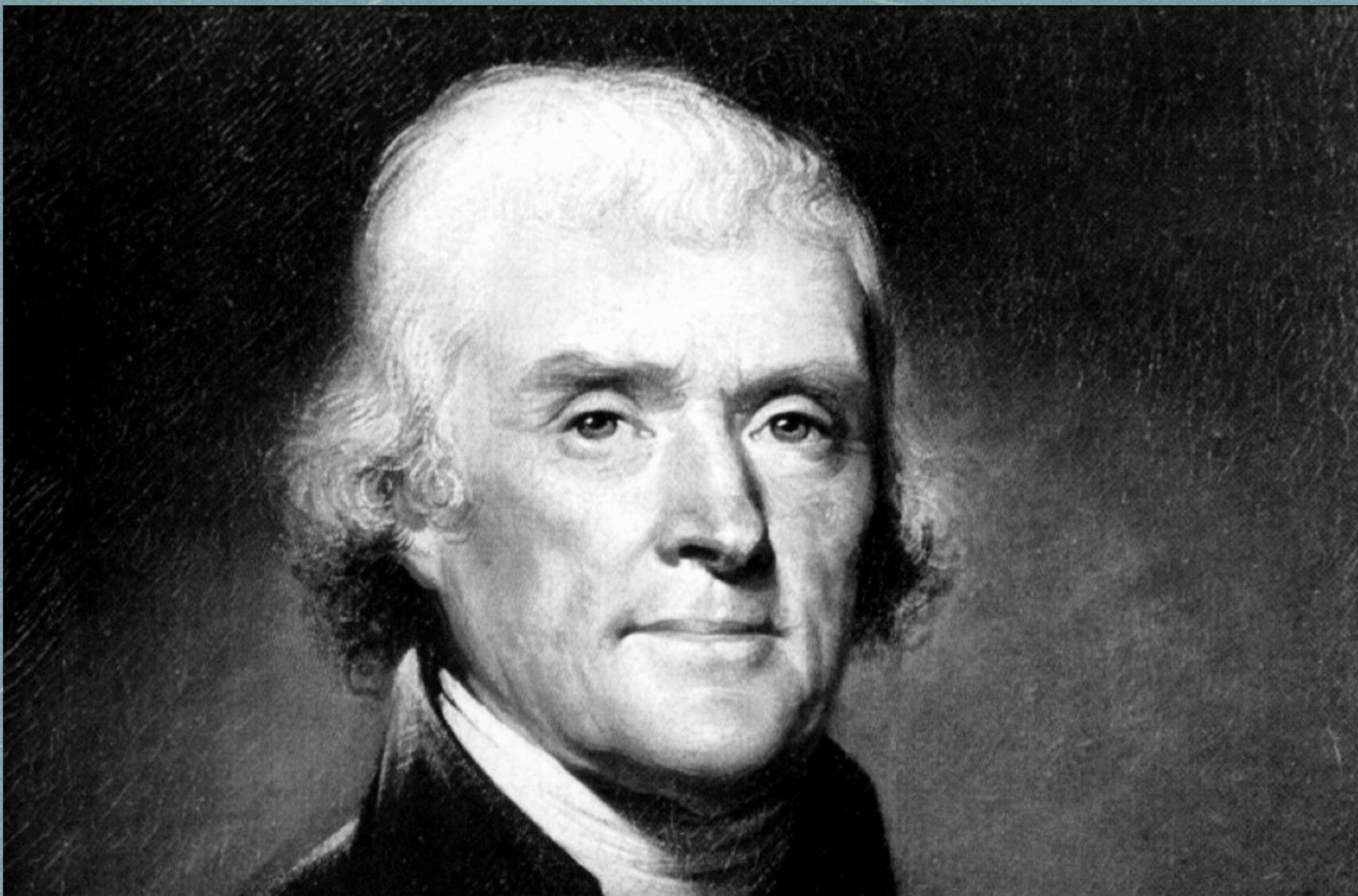
– Andreas Kostenberger & Michael Kruger,
The Heresy of Orthodoxy

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- Luke + Acts = 1 story, 2 volumes.
- It represents eye-witness testimony from the original disciples.
- Luke compiled it so Theophilus may be “certain of the truth.”
- The places listed are extensive and accurate.
- The names listed are chronologically fitting (Onomastics).
- It is not historical fiction or myth.
- It was copied multiple times even though that one copy would have costed thousands.
- Christians led in book technology (the codex) to circulate their documents together.

Most trust cultural relevance and personal resonance.

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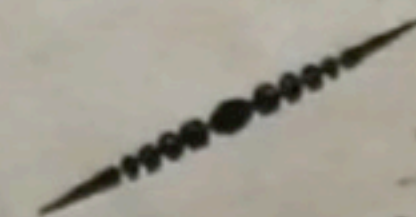
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—The Museum of the Bible in Washington DC

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Romans 16:7

Greet Andronicus and Junia [Ἰουνία], my relatives who were in prison with me; they are prominent among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was.

Every generation edits,
redacts, ignores, or downright
dismisses Scripture because
it lacks relevance or resonance
to their cultural moment.

Jesus had the highest view of Scripture.

- He was addressed as a teacher/rabbi (90x)
- He taught the Hebrew Scriptures (Lk 4:16-17)
- His mind was shaped by Scripture (direct quotes 78x, countless allusions)
- He challenged others' interpretations (Mt 5:21-48)
- He interpreted the Scriptures (Lk 24:25-27)
- He fought off temptation with Scripture (Lk 4:1-13)

Jesus had the highest view of Scripture.

- He honored all of Scripture (Mt 5:18-20)
- He believed Scripture was a source of life (Mt 4:4)
- He believed Scripture to be inspired by the Spirit (Mk 12:36)
- He deduced his identity, death, and resurrection from Scripture (Lk 24:44-49)
- He believed the story of Scripture was ultimately about Him (Jn 5:46-47)
- He taught that He was the fulfillment of Scripture (Mt 5:17) .