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An Introduction

To the POINT

A Study Through Luke

Author: There is no name that actually appears, but there is much evidence that points to Luke. The book of Acts is a sequel to Luke and both books were written by the same person to the same person, Theophilus. Luke was most likely a Gentile, a well educated Greek and a doctor by trade.

Purpose: Intended for the instruction of Theophilus and those among whom the book would be circulated.

Date and Place: A.D. 59-63 Written most likely in Rome.

Key People: Jesus, Elizabeth, Zechariah, John the Baptist, Mary, the Disciples, Herod the Great, Pilate, Mary Magdeline

Key Places: Bethlehem, Galilee, Judea, Jerusalem

Special Features: This is the most comprehensive of the Gospels. The general vocabulary and diction show that the author was educated. He makes frequent references to illness and diagnoses. Luke stresses the relationship between Jesus and people, emphasizes prayer, miracles, and angels; records inspired hymns of praise and gives a prominent place to women. Most of 9:51-18:35 is not found in any other Gospel.