

**KEY VERSE:**

*'I arranged it in order, to help you know that  
what you have been taught is true.'*

**Luke 1: 3 – 4**

The Gospel According to  
**LUKE**



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# FOUNDATION CAFÉ SERVICE

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**EYEWITNESS : Luke**



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## KNOW WHAT:

- We are in week three of 'Eyewitnesses' in which we are looking at four people who wrote first-hand accounts of Jesus' life. These accounts are called Gospels which means 'Good News.'
- The first was Matthew, a Jewish tax collector who left his work to follow Jesus. Matthew wrote the first 'Gospel'. The second was a young man called Mark who ran away when Jesus was arrested but later became brave in telling people about Jesus.
- This week we are learning about Luke who wrote the third gospel as well as another book called 'Acts'. Luke was a doctor who collected together the stories of people who had met Jesus to share with others.
- Luke probably never met Jesus himself but became someone who carried on the story of God's people, trusting the words of eyewitnesses and making Jesus part of his life.

## SO WHAT:

- A lot of different sorts of people follow Jesus, not just fishermen and tax collectors but doctors and historians too!
- The story of Jesus carried on because people were ready to take the stories they knew to others.

## NOW WHAT:

- Let us collect together our own stories about knowing Jesus and share them with others.
- We can know that the stories we hear about Jesus are true. They were shared by witnesses and have stood the test of time.

## LUKE'S LETTERS:

I recently wrote a blog for a friend's charity as part of their mental health awareness week campaign. I wrote quite honestly about my experience of depression and the challenges that come with recovery. It hadn't occurred to me the impact that such a blog would have. Apparently it is the most viewed blog since the charity was launched and several people contacted me saying that they had cried at some point when reading it.

Whilst what I had said in the blog had happened to me, I was perhaps one of the least affected people when it came to reading what I had written. Some of the experiences that I described are 5-7 years old, some of them older. To me they are recollections of a person I used to be and even though they are true, and even though they sometimes still hurt, they are not what I know and experience today. For those who didn't know the story they felt many of the emotions of my journey for the first time. For myself and a few others these were old feelings that have long been replaced by others.

For those of us familiar with the stories of the gospels we can often experience something similar with Matthew, Mark, Luke or John. We have heard the stories, we sing the songs, and we know how it ends. We are in danger of reciting and retelling without feeling the truth of what happened for ourselves. Others, however, who don't know the stories or have never engaged with them fully often, feel the depth of the passion of Jesus' life.

My prayer for all of us this week is that we would all be affected by Jesus in a positive way, whether we know him well or are remembering him fondly from a distant recollection. May we feel what it means to know him and meet with him.