

Introduction to the Gospel of Luke

Questions and Answers about the Author and the Gospel Writing

Q: The Gospel does not name its author. Who can we say is the real author of the Gospel of Luke?

A: As we know, the author is only one, the Holy Spirit, but we in this place can identify Luke as the person being used by the Holy Spirit to write down according to the will of the Father.

In verses 1 to 4, the words used make humans think that it is human's writing, but this is how the Father wants humans to see this work of the Lord. In the whole Bible the writings do not have to be given in the same way; always, there is a unique way the Lord will use. The Father wants humans to link their lives to the Word; this is why this Gospel starts this way.

Q: How did Luke get the words of the Gospel?

A: This Gospel is how the Lord wants all humans to see what dictation means. Luke wrote from what he heard from the Lord, not by research as humans say.

Q: Was Luke himself an eyewitness of the things the Lord Jesus did, and when did he write this Gospel?

A: Luke himself was also an eyewitness himself but as a child. Luke started to become a believer when he was only a child.

Q: When was Luke called to write this Gospel?

A: Long time after the Lord's crucifixion.

Q: How did he come to do this work?

A: Luke has been following the Lord until the point when the Lord was crucified. The call for him grew strongest the moment he saw the nails piercing the Lord. From the eyes of a young man that loves the Lord, when he saw how the Lord received the suffering, that made Luke's heart come to the point to commit from his soul itself to write the Gospel.

Q: Why Luke and other Gospel writers did not mention how they received the words from the Lord?

A: Where did he trace them from? Who gives the words to him? The Lord gave this way for a purpose. Each human the Lord guides and uses differently; each writer has their own background linked to the way the Lord uses them. Dictation itself also gives human interpretation in many directions; that why this Gospel has started in this way, to let humans see how the Lord can use humans to do the work. When the Lord gives the message through each writer, the writer becomes the tool of the Lord; that is why the dictation for the writer is essential. The reader will notice that the writer's knowledge is beyond his ability to write the message, and dictation from the Holy Spirit was needed to write the Gospels this way. The Gospels do not need to specify that the Holy Spirit dictated all things; it is the faith of each person reading.

In the case of the Gospel of Luke, the Lord gave Luke the message, he went out and talked to people to confirm his understanding, then the Lord dictated him what he needed to put down.