

Before we dig into
the lesson, I have
some definitions
we should be
familiar with...

Pareidolia

noun

The tendency to
perceive a specific, often
meaningful image in a
random or ambiguous
visual pattern

Apophenia

noun

The tendency to perceive
a connection or meaningful
pattern between unrelated
or random things (such as
objects or ideas)

Conformation Bias

People's tendency to process information by looking for, or interpreting, information that is consistent with their existing beliefs.

LUKE

Who He Is and Isn't

Luke never met
Yeshua/Jesus — he
could be considered a
second-generation
follower of the way and
we don't know exactly
when Paul and Luke
first met.

Colossians 4:10—14

My fellow prisoner Aristarchus sends you greetings, as does Mark the cousin of Barnabas. You have already received instructions about him: If he comes to you, welcome him. Jesus, who is called Justus, also sends greetings.

These are the only Jews among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me.

Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends you greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, so that you may stand mature and fully assured in the full will of God. For I testify about him that he goes to great pains for you and for those at Laodicea and Hierapolis. Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas send you greetings.

Philemon 1:23 — 24

Epaphras, my fellow
prisoner in Christ Jesus,
sends you greetings, as do
Mark, Aristarchus, Demas,
and Luke, my fellow workers.

2 Timothy 4:11

Only Luke is with
me. Get Mark
and bring him with
you, because he
is useful to me in
the ministry.

Luke was Syrian
most likely from
Antioch

Scholars believe
this because of
the way he writes
about Antioch.

There is no explicit narrative
that places Luke in
Jerusalem

Acts 21:15

After these days, we
packed up and went on to
Jerusalem.

Knowing who Luke is,
why should we trust
His writing?

Are his writings inspired
or sacred, or just a
collection of
hearsay events?

Many have undertaken to compose an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed down to us by the initial eyewitnesses and servants of the word.

Therefore, having carefully investigated everything from the beginning, it seemed good also to me to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

Luke 1:1 —4

Luke 1:26, In the sixth month,
God sent the angel Gabriel to
a town in Galilee
called Nazareth

Luke 1:36, Look, even
Elizabeth your relative has
conceived a son in her old age,
and she who was called barren
is in her sixth month.

Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed Him. When He came to the place, He told them, "Pray that you will not enter into temptation." And He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, where He knelt down and prayed, "Father, if You are willing, take this cup from Me. Yet not My will, but Yours be done."

Luke 22:39 — 42

Acts 2:14 — 36 records
Peter's discourse at the
temple. 22 verses of Peter
speaking and Luke never
tells us who relayed that
information to him
although it was
probably Mark.

While Luke's account does primarily follow the narrative of the other gospels it is often vague and lacks the detail found in the Torah and the prophets.

Luke's writing can not be sacred because it does not come directly from Yehovah and it is not inspired by his own admission. It is his account based on second hand knowledge.

After He had said this, they watched as He was taken up, and a cloud hid Him from their sight. They were looking intently into the sky as He was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into heaven."

Acts 1:9 – 11

Although little is actually known about Luke's life, we do know that he was a faithful convert not to Judaism but to what Paul describes as the way, being an obedient servant of our Creator

The accounts of Lukes death have no historical record to support them. Tradition is that the was crucified on an olive tree but no writings have been found that verified for this account.