Luke 1:1-4 Orderly Account to Theophilus

¹ Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us, ² just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word delivered them to us, ³ it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write to you an orderly account, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- Luke was a physician and traveling companion of Paul on his missionary journeys. [Colossians 4:14]
- Theophilus was the High Priest in Jerusalem appointed by Vitellius a Roman General, who appointed him to the office in the place of his brother Jonathan. [according to Josephus, Antiquities of the Jews, book 18, chapter 5:3]
- The book of Luke is a report to Theophilus intended to set forth an orderly account of the things Theophilus had heard concerning Jesus the Christ. [Luke 1:3-4, Acts 1:1-3]
- Luke is aware of the fact that the things they had heard about having taken place among them, were a fulfillment of Scriptures. [Luke 1:1]
- Luke acknowledged that many others have written narratives of the Gospel of Jesus. [Luke 1:1]
- ✤ Luke had not been a disciple of Jesus and could not write a first hand report to Theophilus.
- Luke received the information for his report from eyewitnesses, and ministers of the Word, he interviewed. [Luke 1:2]