1. **Luke 1:1-4**

* According to the author, what is the purpose of the **Gospel of Luke**?
* Name something unique or that stands out to you in the Gospel’s introduction.
* **Eusebius of Caesarea** (260 AD – 339 AD) *Section 3.4 Missions and Persecutions*

“Luke, an Antiochene by birth and a physician by profession, was long a companion of Paul and was closely associated also with the other apostles. In two divinely inspired books, the Gospel, and the Acts of the Apostles, he has left us examples of the soul healing that he learned from them. The former, he states, he wrote on the basis of information he received from those who from the first were eyewitnesses and ministers of the Word. The latter he composed not from the evidence of hearing but of his own eyes. They say that Paul was actually in habit of referring to Luke’s Gospel whenever he used the phrase “According to my gospel.”

* Where was Luke born?
* What was his profession?
* **Acts1:1-3**
* Compare the introduction of **The Gospel of Luke** with the introduction to **Acts** and share any evidence you see implying a relationship between the two.
* How many inspired books did Luke write according to tradition?
* **Romans 2:15-16, Romans 16:25-27**
* What Gospel might Paul be speaking of in **Romans**?
* **Eusebius of Caesarea** (260 AD – 339 AD) *Section 6.25 Origen and Atrocities at Alexandria*

“I learned by tradition that the four Gospels alone are unquestionable in the church of God. First to be written was by **Matthew**, who was once a tax collector but later an apostle of Jesus Christ, who published it in Hebrew for Jewish believers. The second was by **Mark**, who wrote it following Peter’s directives, whom Peter also acknowledged as his son in his epistle: “The church in Babylon greets you and so does my son Mark” [1st Peter 5:13] The third is by **Luke**, who wrote the Gospel praised by Paul for the Gentile believers. After them all, came **John’s**.”

* What audience did Luke have in mind when he wrote his **Gospel**?
* In regard to the order of the four Gospel’s which were written, where did Luke’s place according to the belief of the early church?
* **Eusebius of Caesarea** (260AD – 339AD) *Section 6.14 Origen and Atrocities at Alexandria, Clement of Alexandria Commentary on the Canonical Scriptures*

“The epistle to the Hebrews he attributes to Paul but says that it was written in Hebrew for Hebrews and then carefully translated by Luke for the Greeks. Therefore, the translation has the same style and color as Acts.”

* During the 4th century, who did some believe may have translated “Hebrews”?
* What does this say to you about Luke’s abilities?
* Skim through the introduction for **The Gospel of Luke** in your Bible if it has one and share what year or years most scholars believe this Gospel was composed?

**Luke 1:5-7**

* Who are Zechariah and Elizabeth according to this brief passage?
* Share a thought or two that came to mind when you heard this passage read.
* There were six women of the **Old Testament** who found themselves struggling with the same challenge as Elizabeth (in regard to having a child), try to recall who they are and share their names and stories with the group?
* **Genesis 11:30, Genesis 17:15-19, Genesis 21:1-3, Genesis 25:21-26, Genesis 29:31, Genesis 30:22-24, Judges 13:2-5, 24, 1 Samuel 1:4-11, 20, 2 Kings 4:11-18**
* What do these stories say to you about God?
* **Catechism** **120,** **2640**
* Share something that stood out to you in today’s study.