

# Certainty

*“...so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught” (Luke 1:4)*

As I was reading Luke 1, I had one of those moments when a particular verse jumped out, **“that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.”** As the verse churned in me, I thought about the author.

Luke was a doctor. Certainty was a way of his life. For any doctor, the quality of being certain must be based on the certainty of evidence and free from doubt. There is not much known about Luke's background or his medical training. However, we do know he is the only Gentile who wrote any of the books of the Bible, was not present with Jesus during His ministry, and most likely was not a believer until after Jesus' resurrection.

*“It is amazing to think about: Luke, apart from the apostle Paul, was the most influential force in writing the New Testament. In fact, the writings of Luke, which come in two volumes — volume one is the gospel of Luke, volume two is the book of Acts — add up to fifty-two chapters. The gospel of Luke is the longest of all the gospel narratives and therefore it's the most thorough and complete. The total, of fifty-two chapters, make Luke the author of one-third of the New Testament.”<sup>1</sup>*

For several minutes, I stared at this verse, and wondered what “certainty” means to me. Certainty is a state of mind in which one is free from doubt. Certainty is the highest form of knowledge.

Anything less than God will always let you down. Situations you face are God's way of showing you what He can do for you. The enemy will always try to twist things to give you the view he wants you to see. Yet, there is nothing he can do that can overpower the promises of God in your life.

Only God knows everything, therefore only God is able to understand why things go down the way they do. You may never know exactly why God allows some things in your life to happen, but the key to get through it is this--- God is greater than everything in this life, including your trials.... And You need to trust HIM that He will work it out.

Whatever difficulties you may face, whatever storms may threaten, you can know with certainty the things you've been taught! Certainty is courage to walk through anything knowing He is with you.

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/42-1/luke-physician-and-historian>

## **Additional Translations of Luke 1:4**

- so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught (NIV)
- so you can be certain of the truth of everything you were taught (NLT)
- that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught (ESV)
- so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught (BSB)
- so that you may know the certainty concerning the things which you were instructed (BLS)
- So that you may know the exact truth about the things you have been taught (NASB)
- that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed (NKJ)
- That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed (KJV)
- so that you may know the certainty of the things about which you have been instructed (CSB)
- I have done this to let you know the truth about what you have heard (CEV)
- I do this so that you will know the full truth about everything which you have been taught (GNT)
- so that you may know the certainty of the things about which you have been instructed (HCSB)
- so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught (ISV)
- so that you may know for certain the things you were taught (NET)
- that you might know the certainty concerning the things in which you were instructed (NHEB)

<https://biblehub.com/luke/1-4.htm>