



Week 1

Sermon Series: Songs of the Savior

Sermon Title: To Know Christ

Sermon Text: Luke 1:1-4

Group Week of: March 12, 2023

Sermon Date: March 19, 2023

Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies	
Day 1	Acts & Theophilus – Acts 1:1-11
Day 2	Eyewitnesses – 2 Peter 2:12-21
Day 3	Serving the Word – Mark 4:1-8
Day 4	Certainty – John 20:24-31
Day 5	Assurance – 1 John 5:13-20

The Text

- 1) **Read** the text slowly and carefully.
- 2) **Pray** for understanding, insight, and transformation.
- 3) **Observe Everything.** Use pens and highlighters to mark the text. Come up with your own system of symbols, underlines, arrows, highlights, and notes, that will *help you understand and apply*. Only do what is helpful.
- 4) **Answer** the interpretive questions at the bottom.

¹Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, ²just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. ³With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

Textual Questions

- 1) What is the message that God and Luke are speaking to Theophilus (and to you) through this text?
- 2) Where does Luke get his information about Jesus?
- 3) Why does Luke write this account of the life of Christ?

Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) What would you say it means to “know” Jesus? Discuss this idea with your life group?

- 2) What can a Christian do to “know” Jesus better?

- 3) When we think about discipleship at West Side Church, it is important to remember that for each of us, discipleship is first and foremost about following Christ. What things do we call discipleship that don’t actually bring us closer or make us more like Jesus?

- 4) Paul exhorts us to “make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace”. Does this mean that Christians are responsible to create unity, or to protect unity? Secondly, how is the Christian to go about this work?

- 5) Verse 2 shows us that Luke wasn’t a first-hand witness of Christ. He believed the message he heard about the Messiah, rather than seeing that gospel lived out with his own eyes. In this way, Luke is different than Matthew and John. Additionally, Luke is likely a Gentile writing to a Gentile. Thus, he has a “Gentile” rather than “Jewish” perspective on the gospel. Why would God have a gospel about his Son written through a man like Luke?

- 6) Luke writes to Theophilus so that he may know *with certainty* the things he was taught about Christ. What doubts do you sometimes have concerning Christ? Share them with the Lord and ask Him to guide you to greater assurance in your study of the book of Luke.

- 7) Who in your life needs to know *with certainty* the things they have been taught about Christ? Bring them before the Lord in prayer and ask Him to give you the opportunity to be a gospel witness to them as we journey through the book of Luke.

- 8) Share your doubts and the person you are praying for with your life group and ask their prayers and accountability on the road ahead.