



Everything in Order

Luke 1:1-7

Sermon Study Notes

"It ain't what people know that causes trouble; it's what they know that ain't so." - *Josh Billings*

"There ought to be a sign posted in every 'Christian' bookstore that reads, 'The views expressed in these books do not necessarily represent the views of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.'" - *Voddie Baucham*

Nearly 60% of the material in the Gospel of Luke is unique, so there's a great deal we wouldn't know about the life of Christ if this book hadn't been written.

The Gospel of Luke begins with the Old Testament.

I. The Christian gospel expresses what God has done for us.

Luke doesn't give a record of what man has accomplished; he records what God has accomplished.

The Gospels begin with a focus on what God has accomplished in accordance with His Word.

"God made man small and the universe big to say something about Himself." - *John Piper*

II. The Christian faith is established upon the truth.

Luke believes it's absolutely imperative we understand the truth on which Christianity is founded.

"I choose to believe the Bible because it is a reliable collection of historical documents, written by eyewitnesses during the lifetime of other eyewitnesses. They report supernatural events that took place in fulfillment of specific prophecies, and they claim to be divine rather than human in origin." - *Voddie Baucham*

"When God says something, the argument is over." - *R.C. Sproul*

Christians do the things we do because we believe the things we believe, because the things we believe are true. There's a connection between truth and faith and practice, and if any of the links of that chain are broken, the entire Christian faith falls apart.

III. The Christian story exposes an irony.

In God's economy, the king is a pawn, and an unknown priest is the chosen instrument God will use to accomplish His purpose. We're not looking for the acceptance and approval of the world; we're looking for the acclaim and applause of heaven.

IV. The Christian life entails both faithfulness and trials.

Over and over in the Bible, remarkable stories of God's purpose in the history of redemption begin with a childless couple, very often advanced in years.

God's power is perfected in weakness.

Anyone who tells you if you just believed you wouldn't have trials in this life is lying to you.

With God, promises are greater than problems.