

30 A.D.

THE JESUS STORY

The Set-Up

INTRODUCTORY MATTERS

► AUTHOR: LUKE

- From Antioch (in Syria)
- Doctor (Colossians 4:14)
- Gentile (Colossians 4:10-14)
- Early follower of Jesus Christ
- The author of the Book of Acts (Acts 1:1-2a)
- Fellow missionary traveler of the Apostle Paul (Acts 16:8-10, 17; 17:1; 20:5; 27:2; Philemon 24; 2 Timothy 4:11)

► DATE OF WRITING - c. 60-63 A.D.

► AUDIENCE

- "Most excellent Theophilus" (Luke 1:3; Acts 1:1)

PRINCIPLE #1: People who love God will use their resources & reputation to broadcast the Jesus story.

- Worldwide Gentile audience

► "PERSONALITY" OF LUKE'S GOSPEL

- Accurate & orderly
- Long
- Beautiful
- Human
- Artistic
- Universal
- Dignifying of women
- Dripping with the Holy Spirit

► GOAL OF THE AUTHOR

- Convince, convert & spiritually edify his audience

► INTRODUCTION – Luke 1:1-4

- "things fulfilled among us" (v.1)
- "I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning" (v.3)
- "So that you may know the certainty..." (v.4)

PRINCIPLE #2: Give God the very best that you can.

PRINCIPLE #3: The Jesus story is grounded in time - space history