

# What Makes the Story of Jesus Solid?

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## Luke 1:1-4

<sup>1</sup> Since many have taken in hand to put together an orderly narrative about the events that have been brought to fulfillment among us, <sup>2</sup> just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and became servants of the word handed them on to us, <sup>3</sup> it seemed good to me also, since I've followed all these things closely from the first, to write them for you in an orderly way, most excellent Theophilus, <sup>4</sup> so that you may recognize the secure solidity of the message about which you received instruction.

## Luke 1:1-4 – Paraphrase

<sup>1</sup> My highly respected friend, “Beloved by God,” you, I’m sure, are aware that many of our number have put their hand to the challenge of assembling the great array of memories and stories of Jesus that are constantly recounted in our assemblies, conversations, and teaching.

These writers want to produce a narrative of those events of Jesus’ life in which God has fulfilled his ancient promises among our own people in our own time. <sup>2</sup> They all want to be true to those who’ve handed these accounts on to us – men and women who from the beginning started simply as eyewitnesses present at the events but then also became servants of the message that those events reveal.

Since I’ve been carefully following all these things from very early on, I’ve resolved to do my part by putting them in writing for you in a clearly ordered way. I know you’ve been instructed in the events of Jesus that make up this great story, and my aim is to give you resources so that you yourself can recognize what makes that message solid as a foundation for life.

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## Added Scripture

### **Luke 1:38 After Gabriel's announcement to Mary.**

<sup>38</sup> Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word."

### **Luke 1:46 When Mary visits Elizabeth**

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

<sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup> for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant...."

### **Luke 2:18-19 – After Jesus' Birth**

<sup>18</sup> And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.

### **Luke 2:34-35 – Mary & Joseph bring Jesus to the Temple**

<sup>34</sup> And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed.

<sup>35</sup> And a sword will pierce through your own soul also!"

### **Luke 2:48-51 – Jesus at 12 gets lost – to his Parents.**

<sup>48</sup> Jesus' mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? We've been searching for you in great distress."

<sup>49</sup> And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Didn’t you know that I must be in my father’s work?” <sup>50</sup> Yet they didn’t understand what he said to them.

<sup>51</sup> And he went down with them and came to Nazareth. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

### **Luke 8:19-21 – Mary and Jesus’ Brothers approach him**

<sup>19</sup> Then his mother and his brothers came to him, but they could not reach him because of the crowd. <sup>20</sup> And he was told, “Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see you.” <sup>21</sup> But he answered them, “My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it.”

### **Luke 9 43-45 – The Disciples can’t understand Jesus**

But while everyone was marveling at everything he was doing, Jesus said to his disciples, <sup>44</sup> “Listen carefully to these words: The Son of Man is about to be handed over into the hands of humans.”

<sup>45</sup> But they failed to grasp this saying, and it was blocked from their view, so that they might not have any sense of it. And they became fearful to ask him about what he said.

### **Luke 24:25-27 – After the Resurrection, Jesus guides two Disciples**

<sup>25</sup> And he said to them, “You’re so unthinking, with hearts slow to put trust in all that the prophets said! <sup>26</sup> Wasn’t it necessary for the Anointed King (*Christos*) to suffer these things and to enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup> And he started from Moses and from all the Prophets, and interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

## **Luke 24:44-49 – Jesus helps the whole group of Disciples**

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that it’s necessary for everything to be filled up, all the things written about me in the Law of Moses and in the Prophets and Psalms.

<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their mind to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and said to them, “This is just what was written, for the Anointed King (*Christos*) to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and on the basis of his identity and name for a change of heart to be proclaimed, a repentance leading to forgiveness of sins for all the nations. Now, starting from Jerusalem, <sup>48</sup> you are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And look, I myself am sending upon you what my Father promised. So, you stay right here in the city until you’re clothed with power from on high.”

## **Acts 1:14 – The Disciple pray together for the Journey ahead**

<sup>14</sup> All these apostles were united in devoting themselves to prayer, together with women disciples, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.