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Who Was Luke

- He was a **physician** – Col. 4:14
- Luke never named himself the author of Acts or The Gospel of Luke
- We are unaware if Luke was a Gentile or a Hellenistic Jew
- If Luke is a Gentile he is only Gentile to write any part of the New Testament
- Luke wrote 2 books Acts and The gospel of Luke
- Both books add up to more than 25% of the New Testament
- Acts was most likely written between 70 and 90 ad
- Acts and Luke seems to go hand and hand like they are connected
- Luke's name is recorded 3 times in the NT Phile. 24, Col.4:14 and 2 Tim. 4:11
- According to Church tradition Luke was martyred and hung from a olive tree

Theophilus – Acts 1:1

- This name means dear to **God**
- Luke seems to speak to him like he is a brother
- Most likely Theophilus is a Christian
- Luke also **writes** to him in the gospel as well – Luke 1:3
- Some theologians think that Theophilus might have funded or commissioned the writing of the letters
- None of this is able to be proven but it would make sense
- The **only** time his name is used is Luke 1:3 and Acts 1:1

“We are 100 percent responsible for the pursuit of holiness, but at the same time we are 100 percent dependent upon the Holy Spirit to enable us in that pursuit. The pursuit of holiness is not a pull-yourself-up-by-your-own-bootstraps approach to the Christian life.” – **Jerry Bridges**

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The Coming of The Holy Spirit - Acts 1:4, Acts 1:8

- This is the coming of the Holy Spirit that Jesus has been talking about – John 14:26
- The **helper** that is promised from on high – Luke 24:49
- We see the Holy Spirit empowers them – Acts 1:8
- The Holy Spirit will **teach** us – John 14:26
- The Holy Spirit dwells inside of us – Romans 8:9
- The Holy Spirit is our helper – Romans 8:26

The Ascension – Acts 1:6-11

- Jesus **ascended** on the Mount of Olives – Acts 1:12
- He is also returning on the Mount of Olives
- Jesus tells them of the great commission and the Holy Spirit before hand
- Afterward's the **disciples** are standing gazing into the sky
- Men described like angels, mostly likely angels – Acts 1:10
- They ask them why are you staring, he will **return** like he went up

A new disciple – Acts 1:12 – 26

- The disciples leave the mount of olives and go into Jerusalem – Acts 1:12
- The disciples go into an upper room of Jerusalem and start to pray
- Peter stands up and says that the scriptures have been fulfilled and he wanted another to take **Judas's** place - Acts 1:20
- They put up 2 people Justus and Matthias to take the place of Judas.
- They **cast lots** (roll dice) to make the decision
- They end up picking Matthias
- After this moment in Acts we **don't** see Matthias being mentioned again