

Introducing Jesus

PASTOR MIKE YODER • LUKE 1:1-4



Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us,

just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the Word.

With 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,

so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

Luke 1:4

The Gospels: Nature & Purpose



Luke's Gospel: Features & Highlights



Luke writes to confirm that Christianity is not a new religion. It is rather the fulfillment of God's promises given to Israel in the Old Testament. Jesus is certainly the Jewish Messiah, but He is also the Savior of the whole world.

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This Gospel is a tender Gospel, one in which it is impossible to miss the truth that God loves the sinners Jesus came to save.

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The Savior does not skip over people society likes to overlook. He stops. He loves them. He heals them. And He uses them in His Kingdom.

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Luke's Introduction: Fortifying Confidence



What? (1:1)

From where? (1:2)

How? (1:3)

“Orderly Account” (1:3)

Chronological Order

Geographic Order

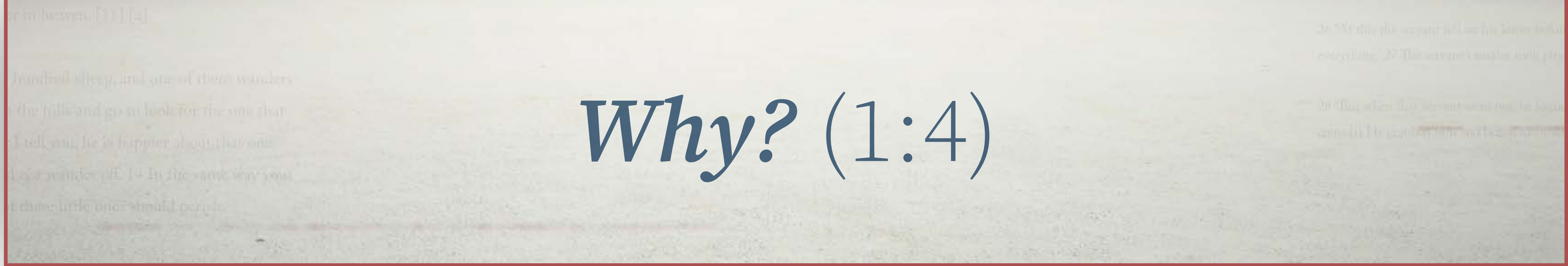
Dramatic Order

Theological Order



Christianity can be tested. Because it can be tested, it can be trusted.

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Why? (1:4)

of those little ones, but I tell you that their angels
of my Father in heaven. (11:14)

a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders
of the hills and go to lose
find it, truly I tell you, he is happier
than did not wander off. In the same way, you
of these little ones should

Unavoidable Question: What to do with Jesus?



Everyone has some relationship to the King and therefore to the Kingdom. The issue is where they fit.

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost. This statement epitomizes Luke's central theme. With the coming of Jesus the Messiah, God's end-time salvation has arrived...

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It is available to all who respond in faith, whatever their past life, social status, or ethnicity.

**The Son of Man came to seek
and to save that which was lost.**

