

Minority Reports – Part 13

Luke: Gentile Physician Among Jews – Luke 1:1-4; Acts 1:1-5

0.0 Introduction

- 0.1 “You are not here to study facts but to study people” – in college & Bible
- 0.2 Let’s study “Luke, beloved physician” (Col.4:14) - what made him loveable?

1.0 Luke the Physician

- 1.1 Unknown origins and life specifics (Lucas < Lat. *lux* ‘light’)
- 1.2 Were Luke and Titus brothers?
- 1.3 Accompanied Paul on journeys (“we”-sections: Ac.16:10-17; 20:5-21:18; 27:1-28:16), including Paul’s last recorded presence
- 1.4 Did he attend to Paul’s health? (II Cor.12:7-10; Gal.4:15?)
- 1.5 Listed separately from Jewish co-workers (Col.4:7-13) – in v.14
- 1.6 Stubbornly faithful to Paul when others absconded (II Tim.4:10-11)

2.0 Luke the Writer

- 2.1 Per introductions, author of 3rd Gospel & church history (Lk.1:1-4; Ac.1:1-5 - *Praxeis*)
- 2.2 Sensitive to people-details: concern for infirm and vulnerable, ‘unclean’ lepers, women, servant’s right ear severed (Lk.22:50), illness beyond remedy (Lk.8:43)
- 2.3 Surveys Jesus’ holistic ministry (Lk.4:18-19)
- 2.4 Seems to adjust writing style to reflect subject matter (e.g. Lk.1-2) – e.g. infancy stories
- 2.5 Credited as ‘first Christian historian’, making “careful inquiry” (Lk.1:3) – sounding a bit like 5thC BC ‘father of history’, Herodotus, in his *historia* ‘inquiry’
- 2.6 Perhaps hinting at his presence (Lk.24:13-35?)

3.0 Luke the Follower of Jesus

- 3.1 People influence other people – then & now – including Luke, and each of us:
- 3.2 Luke showed his love for Jesus by loving and serving other people (Jas.1:22; 2:18)

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