

Is a new dawn really coming? (Luke 1:1-4)

If there's one thing we've learnt over the last 2 years...

Are there any certainties in life we can build our lives upon?

I know what's going to be the answer...

But can we truly be certain about him?

Luke: you're the **audience** I'm looking for (v.3)

Overarching purpose (v.4)

Here to convince you that...

In his opening words, Luke wants to begin building our certainty!

You can have certainty because...

1. My gospel isn't a bunch of hot air

- Based on careful investigation

A misunderstanding of faith

- Grounded in historical events

"At the heart of the world's largest faith is not a lone spiritual insight, a mystical story from the dawn of time or a dictation of holy words in a holy book, but a series of events that are said to have taken place in public, in datable time, recorded by a variety of witnesses." – John Dickson

- Informed by eyewitness testimony

Not indulging in hearsay

Are their memories reliable?

2. My gospel is a word from Yahweh

How Luke describes these historical events: "...fulfilled among us"

Their significance

"Orderly account"

God's testimony that he has kept his promises

Concluding Implication: Stake our life on what's certain