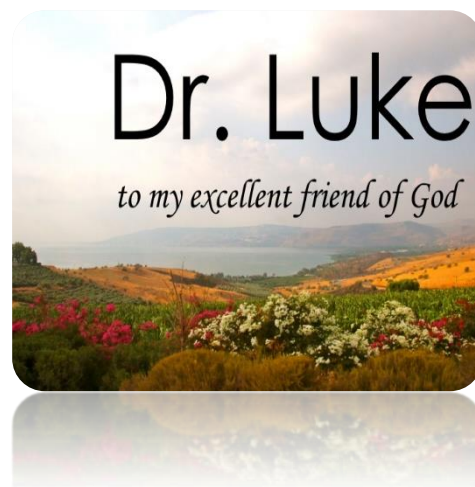


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Luke, the beloved physician, what an interesting person he must have been. The renowned archaeologist Sir William Ramsey wrote of him: Luke is a historian of the first rank. Not merely are his statements of fact trustworthy... but he should be placed along with the very greatest of historians. Luke has been compared with the Greek historian, Thucydides, who is often called: the father of scientific history... because of his strict standards of evidence gathering and analysis. Luke was not an eye-witness to Christ; but he was a disciple of Paul.



The previous verse ended with **the prophetic words of Joel given 800 years earlier announcing this great Day of Pentecost...** something he didn't understand, yet fulfilled by the Messiah with the outpouring of the Spirit of the Lord... and it will be that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved – Joel 2.

And Luke writes:

**<sup>22</sup> You people of Israel hear these words;** / Peter wants the message heard by all **Israel...** not just the 2 southern tribes that make the **House of Judah**, the Jewish people, but also, the greater 10 northern **tribes of Israel...** who in the days of king David were promised by God **a place of their own** Samuel 7. They were to gather 3 times each year in Jerusalem, and bring with them an offering to God,

**Jesus of Nazareth, was a man attested to you by God with miracles, wonders and signs, that God did among you through Him, just as you yourselves know:**

**<sup>23</sup> This One, who was delivered up by the plan of God -- in the past determined and known by God,**

**you crucified and murdered by lawless - evil hands** / Peter who was Jewish says this.

/ this rescue plan of sending the Messiah was birthed at the time of creation should something go wrong with Adam's race; so this plan was previously planned by God, and known in advance by Him and then announced through the prophets – though they did not understand, but they knew what God said:

**<sup>24</sup> God raised Him up,** undoing the pains of death: because it was not possible for Him to be held by death.

**<sup>25</sup> For David says of Him, I saw the Lord always before me. Because He is at my right hand, I am not troubled:**

**<sup>26</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and I speak full of joy;**

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**and when I die, I will rest in hope:**

<sup>27</sup> because You will not abandon My soul in Hades, or allow Your Holy One to see decay.

<sup>28</sup> You showed the paths of life to me; Your presence fills me with joy.

<sup>29</sup> Brothers and sisters, I can confidently say to you of the patriarch David: he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day / it is still with us 2000 years later in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.



<sup>30</sup> Since he was a prophet, knew God promised to him He would put one of his descendants, on his throne;

<sup>31</sup> Seeing this in advance, **he spoke of the resurrection of Christ** / the Messiah, that He was not abandoned in Hades, and His flesh did not decay.

<sup>32</sup> **This Jesus, God raised up**, and of that **we all are eyewitnesses**.

<sup>33</sup> **So being lifted to the right hand of God, and received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father, He has poured out this which you see and hear.**

<sup>34</sup> For David did not ascend to the heavens: but he himself says, **The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at My right,**

<sup>35</sup> **Until I make Your enemies Your footstool.**

<sup>36</sup> Let all the **House of Israel** / all those **ruled by God**, wherever they are -- know for certain,

**that God has made Him both Lord and Christ** / the Messiah -- **this Jesus, whom you crucified.**

<sup>37</sup> **Now when they heard this,**

**they were pierced in their heart,**

**and said to Peter and to the other sent ones,**

**Brothers and sisters, what are we to do?**

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<sup>38</sup> **Then Peter said to them,**

**METANOEO** in Greek, **meta** = **change** + **noeo** = **mind**; so they were told what any good teacher would tell their first-grade students: **rethink, reconsider**;

**each of you change your mind, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ / the Messiah, for the payment He made for our sins, and welcome the gift of the Holy Spirit.** / change your thinking, be washed in Jesus, and welcome the Spirit He sent.

<sup>39</sup> **For the promise is for you and your children, and for all who are far off; all who the LORD our God calls** / in other words, if you heard the call, no matter how faint, respond.

<sup>40</sup> **And with many more words, he testified and encouraged, saying, Save yourselves from this crooked generation.**

<sup>41</sup> **Then those who gladly welcomed his word were baptized: and the same day there were added to them about 3,000 souls** / you know, if Jesus or any of His disciples who we meet in the NT, if they sounded like most of the pathetic, gloomy, uninspiring religious leaders in our times, the church would have died out by the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> century.

<sup>42</sup> **And they continued steadily in the instruction of the sent ones; and in community breaking bread and praying** / the apostles taught what Jesus taught them; the night He was betrayed, He repeatedly reminded all his faithful followers 12 times that night **to keep His words and keep His instructions**... because those words came from His Father;

<sup>43</sup> **And a sense of awe came upon everyone, as many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.**

<sup>44</sup> **And all acting in faith were together, and shared all things in common** / their natural response having received the Spirit of God was to give: knowing from Moses, the Lord loves to provide for: the widows, the orphans, the foreigners and the teachers of the word;

<sup>45</sup> **they sold their possessions and goods, and shared with all, as anyone had need.**

<sup>46</sup> **And with one mind they continued daily in the temple, and breaking bread in their homes, sharing their meals with gladness and unity of heart** / the mind of Christ recalling what He taught; in the unity of one Spirit, why we reconsider with regular metanoia moments, meeting in homes,

<sup>47</sup> **Praising God always, and enjoying the favor of all the people. And every day the Lord added to the church those being saved** / this is the first reference of the church since Jesus mentioned **ecclesia** = where 2 or 3 gather in His Name; there, like the divine Godhead: Father, Son and Holy Spirit; where He said, **I will build My church** -- **Matthew 16**.

**His Sheep Hear His Voice And Follow Him**