

LUKE – ONLY LUKE...

Colossians 4:14 Luke (Λουκᾶς), the beloved physician (ὁ ἰατρὸς ὁ ἀγαπητός), and Demas, greet you.

Philemon 24 Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, **Lucas (Λουκᾶς)**, my fellowlabourers.

2 Timothy 4:11 Only Luke (Λουκᾶς) is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.

Luke is directly mentioned only 3x!!! (Obviously also as the Title to the Gospel of Luke)

Yet we see him everywhere!!!

1. Luke – a companion from...somewhere!

Colossians 4:10 Aristarchus my fellowprisoner saluteth you, and Marcus, sister's son to Barnabas, (touching whom ye received commandments: if he come unto you, receive him;)

Colossians 4:11 And Jesus, which is called Justus, **who are of the circumcision**. These only are my fellowworkers unto the kingdom of God, which have been a comfort unto me.

Colossians 4:12 Epaphras, **who is one of you**, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God. **Colossians 4:13** For I bear him record, that he hath a great zeal for you, and them that are in Laodicea, and them in Hierapolis.

Colossians 4:14 Luke (Λουκᾶς), the beloved physician (ὁ ἰατρὸς ὁ ἀγαπητός), and Demas, greet you.

We know very little about Luke directly:

- A companion of Paul
- A physician
- Beloved
- *Seemingly non-Jewish*

Acts 1:19 And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called **in their proper tongue**, Aceldama, that is to say, The field of blood.

2. Luke – a companion in Gospel ministry!

Acts 16:4 And as **they** went through the cities, **they** delivered **them** the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem. **Acts 16:5** And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily. **Acts 16:6** Now when **they** had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia, **Acts 16:7** After **they** were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not. **Acts 16:8** And **they** passing by Mysia came down to Troas. **Acts 16:9** And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.

Acts 16:10 And after he had seen the vision, immediately **we** endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called **us** for to preach the gospel unto them. **Acts 16:11** Therefore loosing from Troas, **we** came with a straight course to Samothracia, and the next day to Neapolis; **Acts 16:12** And from thence to Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony: and **we** were in that city abiding certain days.

Thoughts:

- He just shows up
- And he joins in
- A companion in Gospel ministry!
- The “we” passages (1st person plural as opposed to 3rd person singular & plural: he / she / it / they / them)

16:10-17

20:6-21:18

27:1-28:16

➤ He NEVER names himself **directly** → it's all about the ministry

➤ He probably utilized his medical knowledge

Acts 28:1 And when they were escaped, then they knew that the island was called Melita. **Acts 28:2** And the barbarous people shewed us no little kindness: for they kindled a fire, and received us every one, because of the present rain, and because of the cold. **Acts 28:3** And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand. **Acts 28:4** And when the barbarians saw the venomous beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live. **Acts 28:5** And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm. **Acts 28:6** Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god.

Acts 28:7 In the same quarters were possessions of the chief man of the island, whose name was Publius; who received us, and lodged us three days courteously.

Acts 28:8 And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever (πυρετοῖς) and of a bloody flux (δυσεντερίᾳ): to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and **healed (ἰάσατο)** him.

Acts 28:9 So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and **were healed (ἐθεραπεύοντο)**:

Acts 28:10 Who also **honoured us** with many **honours**; and when **we** departed, they laded **us** with such things as were necessary.

3. Luke – a companion in **The Gospel!**

Romans 2:16 In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to **my gospel**.

Romans 16:25 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to **my gospel**, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,

2 Timothy 2:8 Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to **my gospel**:

2 Corinthians 8:18 And we have sent with him the brother, whose praise **is in the gospel throughout** all the churches;

4. Luke – a companion **through thick & thin...until the end!**

Acts 28:11 And after three months **we** departed in a ship of Alexandria, which had wintered in the isle, whose sign was Castor and Pollux. **Acts 28:12** And landing at Syracuse, **we** tarried there three days. **Acts 28:13** And from thence **we** fetched a compass, and came to Rhegium: and after one day the south wind blew, and **we** came the next day to Puteoli:

Acts 28:14 Where **we** found brethren, and were desired to tarry with them seven days: and so **we** went toward Rome. **Acts 28:15** And from thence, when the brethren heard of **us**, they came to meet us as far as Appii forum, and The three taverns: whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage.

Acts 28:16 And when **we** came to Rome, the centurion delivered **the prisoners** to the captain of the guard: but Paul was suffered to dwell by himself with a soldier that kept him.

Luke was there during:

- The ups & downs
- Trying to talk Paul out of going to Jerusalem
- The arrest
- The Ship voyage and shipwreck
- 1st imprisonment
- 2nd imprisonment

Only Luke!

Acts 1:1 THE **former treatise** have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, **Acts 1:2** Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: **Acts 1:3** To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: