

SESSION ONE: Is this book reliable? *Luke 1 v 1-4*  
Slower and Full Route

1. Written accounts (v 1), eyewitnesses (v 2), and Luke's own investigations (v 3).
2. Probably to tell us that he's not making this up on his own – there are other accounts we can check his against (for us, that's the three other Gospels of Matthew, Mark and John, and what Jesus' closest friends teach in the rest of the New Testament).
3. Eyewitnesses. This matters because these were people who were actually at the events Luke is describing, who saw and spoke to and knew Jesus.
4. He's taking his job of writing down what happened seriously. He's looked into everything, and he's done it with care.
5. He wants us to be certain that what we have already been taught (or will be taught in his book) about Christianity is actually true, factual, historical.