

01 – Luke 1:1-25 – Great Expectations**How certain are you?****Luke's aim (v 1-4)**

So what do we learn from these first 4 verses

- 1) ... not the first person to write stuff about Jesus down.
- 2) ... what happened actually fulfilled what had already been promised by God
- 3) ... Luke gets his information from 'eyewitnesses and servants of the word'.
- 4) ... Luke himself carefully investigated things from the beginning
- 5) ... so that Theophilus can know the certainty of the things he has already been taught.

Starting with Zechariah

- ... specific and historically verifiable information
- ... personal information
- ... John would not be like other children

John's task (v 16)

... "make ready a people prepared for the Lord".

The enormity of the moment

- ... 400 years since God has spoken
- ... the start is founded in the OT promises of God.
- 'messianic expectations' ...
- ... send a rescuer King for his people.

Zechariah does not believe

- ... it would happen at 'the appointed time'.
- Zechariah is struck deaf and dumb till John is born...

For us today

- 1) ... certainty in who Jesus is and what he did.

- 2) ... in the coming of Jesus God's plan of salvation is unfolding.

- 3) ... God ALWAYS keeps his promises.

We could misuse the passage today...