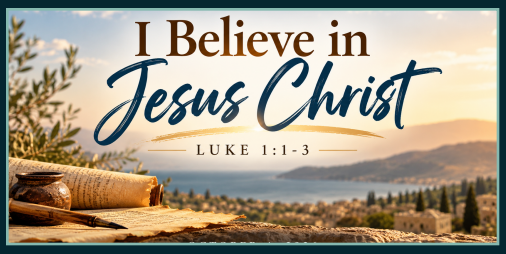
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Sunday, Continued.

A weekly guide for living the message

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This Week in Scripture

SERMON TEXT

Luke 1:1-3

Luke roots the story of Jesus in eyewitness testimony and careful investigation. Faith is grounded in real events, carefully handed down.

KEY VERSE

"After having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, I have also decided to write a carefully ordered account."

The Message in Brief

Christian faith says far more about Jesus than that He was a prophet or great moral teacher. To believe in Jesus Christ is to trust Him, follow Him, and allow Him to shape who we are. Luke roots that faith in real events and eyewitness testimony. In Jesus, God entered human history and came near. Jesus reveals God's heart: compassion, grace, mercy, and love. Belief becomes more than doctrine we confess; it becomes a life we practice.

May our creed become more than something we say.
May it become the way we live.

Questions to Carry

1. What does believing in Jesus mean beyond agreeing that He existed?
2. What does Jesus reveal about the heart of God?
3. What is competing with Christ for first place in my life?

Live It This Week

Before one difficult situation this week, ask: What would Jesus have me do? Then choose one action that reflects His compassion, mercy, forgiveness, service, justice, or love.

Prayer for the Week

Lord Jesus, thank You for coming near and showing us the heart of God. Help us trust You with more than our words. Shape our hearts, guide our steps, and teach us Your ways. Draw us back when other things compete for first place. May our faith be seen in how we love, forgive, serve, seek mercy and justice, and follow You each day. Amen.