

December 6, 2020
Sermon Title: "I've Got A Story to Tell"
Biblical Passage: Luke 1:1-4

Passage Background and Summary

"Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, ²just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, ³I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first,^[a] to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed."

~ Luke 1:1-4

Luke 1:1-4 is the prologue to the Gospel of Luke. Luke acknowledges that there have been accounts of the gospel as passed down orally from the eyewitnesses and communicated in early Christian writings. Similarly, Luke is endeavoring to write an account as well. After investigating, Luke has decided to write this account for Theophilus.

Sermon Points

This is the second Sunday of Advent, and Christmas is right around the corner. This is the season of hope and light shining in the darkness where we tell the greatest story every told of a babe born in Bethlehem. In this moment, we pause and thank those who had the good sense to tell the story. What good is a story if no ever tells it? Many have told this story. Mama and Big Mama and Papa all have their testimony, and we have our own.

Luke doesn't tell an eyewitness account, but he is so moved by the oral tradition that he wants to write it. He could have refused to write this gospel, but he has his own story and believes that it will testify. He knows that many have encountered the stories of those who were eyewitnesses. He may have been wondering what he could have to add. Thank God for Matthew and Mark and John but if it were not for Luke, we would miss a whole lot. Each writer brings their own unique contribution to the gospel. Each of us brings our own unique aspect to the Church. We thank God for the voice of Luke for if he had not testified, we wouldn't have the second volume of Luke, the book of Acts, that tells the story of the Jesus movement. There are some things we wouldn't know if Luke had not told the story.

Like Luke, you should tell your own story. God has been good to you and you ought to tell the story about the goodness of God in your own life. The greatest story ever told is how the Christmas story intersects with your story. It's the story you can tell right now about how the good news manifests in your life. It's the message that God is with us. The preaching of the gospel always points to Jesus. We all have a story to tell.

Reflection Questions

1. What are some of the stories that have been passed down in your tradition or your family?
2. What is your story or testimony?
3. Why is it important to tell your story?
4. What do we learn about the story of Jesus's birth in Luke that is not told in the other gospels?
5. How does the Christmas story intersect with your story?
6. What unique gifts, talents, or contributions do you bring to the Church?