

Invitation

Welcome everyone. We pray you will be strengthened by your visit with the Brighton Church of Christ. You are not just our guest, but you are welcome and wanted right here. Join our family of imperfect people perfected in by the blood of Jesus. Restrooms are located across the foyer near the front of the auditorium on the upper floor. If you need assistance in any way, ask any member for help.

Mission

The Brighton Church of Christ is a spiritual family with a focus on going to heaven. We are determined to honor God, to strictly follow the teachings of the New Testament, and effectively make that teaching available to the city of Brighton and the surrounding areas.

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Sunday Schedule

Welcome	Ron Jensen
Song Leader	Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....	Marc Moran
Lord's Supper Leader.....	Dale Bishop
Lesson	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer & Dismissal.....	Wayne Manzanares

Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer.....	Sam Dilbeck

Service Times

Sundays: Worship 10:30 am

Wednesdays: Ladies Class 10:00 am, Bible Study 6:30 pm



March 7, 2021

Luke: About the Author Sam Dilbeck

As we approach the Third Gospel, commonly called The Book of Luke, it is customary to learn what we can about the author. Who wrote the book? How does his life and background impact our understanding of the book? While answers to these questions may seem unattainable, a closer examination of the evidence, internal and external, reveal a distinct pattern.

First, how do we know a man named Luke wrote this gospel? The name Luke does not appear in the gospel or in the book of Acts, the other book attributed to the same author (Luke 1:1-4; Acts 1:1-2). Therefore, we turn to the internal evidence of the books themselves. The author of the books was not an eyewitness to the life of Jesus. Rather, he depended on the reports of those who were (Luke 1:1-2). The author traveled with Paul during parts of his missionary journeys. The “we” passages of Acts revealed times when the author witnessed events in Paul’s life (Acts 16:10-17; 20:5-15; 21:1-18; 27:1-28:16).

Some try to say the “we” sections were merely a literary device and the author did not know Paul personally. Those who believe this feel that the portrait painted of Paul in Acts is vastly different from the Paul we meet in Paul’s letters. However, their explanations are not convincing, and others have adequately defended and harmonized the two portraits of Paul. This leaves us with two facts about the author: 1) He was not an eyewitness, 2) He knew Paul.

External evidence helps to pinpoint the identity of the author. Perhaps the strongest evidence for Lukan authorship comes from the early church traditions before a.d. 200. Darrell Bock says, “The absence of any dispute about this detail is a strong reason to take the tradition seriously.”

Aside from tradition, we know Paul was at least acquainted with Luke, “Luke the beloved physician greets you” (Col. 4:14; cf. Phile. 24). Luke alone stayed with Paul in Rome (2 Tim. 4:11). Paul was also acquainted with the third gospel since it, alone, records Jesus saying, “The laborer deserves his wages” and Paul quotes it (Luke 10:7; 1 Tim. 5:18). This Luke certainly traveled with Paul at different moments in the missionary journeys, which links to part of the internal evidence.

The evidence certainly suggests that Luke wrote the third gospel. However, we cannot prove beyond doubt it was a man named Luke, or that it was the Luke Paul refers to in the passages above. In his commentary on Luke, Leon Green writes, “This suggests that the identity of the author is not critical to our reading of the Gospel.”

How does this impact our reading of the book of Luke? Any responsible reading of the gospel should take into account its themes, theology, and emphases. If we accept Luke as the author, it helps give voice to these themes. As the beloved doctor, Luke places emphasis on the healing miracles in the gospel. His travels with Paul throughout the Roman world open Luke’s eyes to the plight of the Gentiles that is reflected in the gospel’s sensitivity to Gentiles and their salvation. If Luke is not the author, the emphasis on healing miracles and concern for Gentiles remains, but from an anonymous voice.

The book of Luke offers one of the unique perspectives on the life of Jesus. It contains some of the most beloved unique material not found Matthew, Mark, or John. The author is conscientious to present an accurate, beautiful, and profound portrait of Jesus. Whether it is Luke or an anonymous writer, he has produced a masterpiece in the gospel genre.

Bock, Darrell L. Luke: 1:1–9:50. Vol. 1. Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 1994.

Green, Joel B. The Gospel of Luke. The New International Commentary on the New Testament. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1997.

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Announcements

Prayer List

Prayers for comfort for the Jones and Sandoval families.

Continued Prayers

Ernest Kite's son Terry- recovering from a (non-COVID) virus.

Penny Anderson, Tim Parker’s daughter- seizures

Eleanor Jatko– recovery from a stroke

Bill Woloridge, the Austin’s friend—cancer

Jane Hanavan-heart issues

Dawn Lell-health problems

KD’s supervisor's wife, LaRae Siefert-chemo nerve damage

Sherry Derbigny’s Aunt Jackie– breast cancer

Sam Sims– health problems

Joe Martinez-prayers for recovery

The work in India

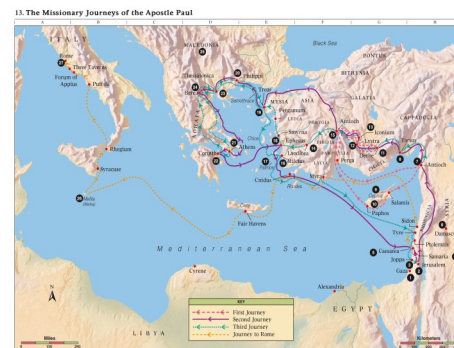
Our work here in Brighton as we try to reach our community through the difficulties of COVID-19

News and Notes

Ladies Bible Class

Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

We started a study which takes an in depth look at the missionary journeys of the Apostle Paul. This week we are on Day 3 & 4 of Lesson 1.



1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 NIV

13 Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. 14 For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. 15 According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

March 11

Kevin Dunham

Birthday