

The Under-oarsmen

Week 1 – Luke 1:1-4

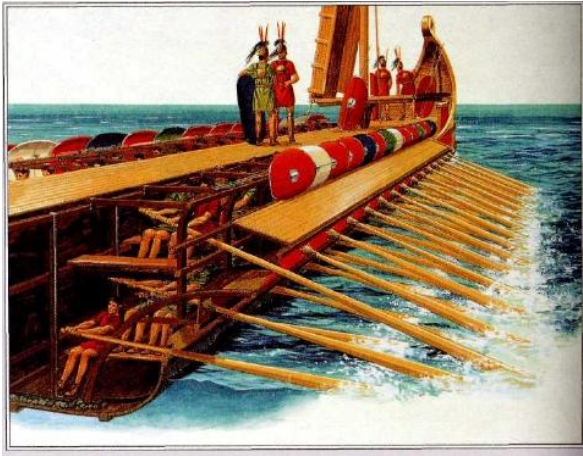
“Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile an account of the things accomplished among us, 2 just as they were handed down to us by those who from the beginning became eyewitnesses and servants of the word,...”

*”just as they were handed down...” implies that these accounts were not witnesses by Luke, the one who is writing this. Who was Luke? (See **Col. 4:14**)*

*The ones who handed these things down were the “eye witnesses”...Read **Acts 1:21-23**. Who were the eye witnesses?*

*How does this relate to **Acts 2:42** where the disciples were devoting themselves to “the Apostles’ teaching...”? Where is this happening today, specifically?*

These “eye witnesses” were also called “servants”, or *huperates*, meaning “under-oarsmen”... If the Apostles were the “under oarsmen”, what is the ship, and who are the ones above? Where is it going?



They are called “servants of the word”, or “logos”. This word is used often in the New Testament to describe sayings of a person, or their message. What was the “message” that these under-oarsmen were transporting?

3 “...it seemed fitting for me as well, having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write it out for you

in consecutive order, most excellent Theophilus; 4 so that you may know the exact truth about the things you have been taught.”

What was Luke’s purpose in writing all of this down, and how would it benefit us? _____

Read **Rom 15:4-5** - “For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.”

What does this tell us about the purpose of the Scriptures?

For next time, **John 1:1-18** “Grace & Truth”