

Week beginning 2nd February 2020

The King and the Kingdom—Luke



Welcome

If you could travel back in time, which period of history would you land in - and why?



15 mins 2/2

Worship

Your choice



20 mins 2/2

Word

Luke 1:1-4



1. Discuss Luke's purpose in writing. What do you make of what he says and what impression do you get of the man who writes? (you might like to look at Acts 1:1-3 as well)

2. "The best introduction to the (eastern Mediterranean) world is the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles" Quote from the Roman Empire and it's Neighbours by Oxford Prof Fergus Millar

Why does the historical credibility of the Gospels matter?

Share any experiences of friends, family, colleagues who contest the reliability of the Gospels.

3. 'I myself have carefully investigated' vs 3 - what do you think Luke means? - and in what ways might we carefully investigate our faith? '

4. Looking at verses 3 and 4, what key words tell us about Luke's aim - and how he sets out to achieve it?

5. In David's sermon on this passage he spoke of a Roman ring which was found at Binchester in County Durham. The ring depicts an anchor - an ancient Christian symbol (Hebrews 6:17-19). The anchor speaks of faith in Christ as something firm and secure to hold onto in an uncertain world. It is deeply moving to think that the person who wore that ring was sustained by their faith in the Jesus that Luke writes about in his Gospel.

How are you and I sustained by that same hope today?

45 mins 2/2

Witness

Consider what difference the historical credibility of the Gospels makes to a) your personal faith b) how you witness to others

For example - what would you say to someone who say that the Gospel accounts are made up stories and cannot be trusted?



10 mins 2/2