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FC Baur said certain statements in Acts "can only be looked at as intentional deviations from historical truth in the interest of the special tendency which they possess."



Adolf von Harnack called Acts both a "great historical work" and that Luke "affords gross instances of carelessness, and often of complete confusion in the narrative."



Luke 1:1-4

Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, 2 just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. 3 Therefore, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, it seemed good also to me to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, 4 so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

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Luke 24:45-53

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. 46 He told them, "This is **what is written**: *The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations*, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 **You are witnesses of these things**. 49 I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." 50 ¶ When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. 51 While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up

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inspire,
prepare
and commission
his people into the whole world.

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