

The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke

About the author of the book of The Acts of the Apostles



Saint Luke was a physician by profession and a native of Syrian Antioch. Hearing about Christ, he traveled to Palestine and accepted the preaching of salvation from the Lord Himself.

During the Lord's early ministry, seventy apostles (Luke 10:1-3) were sent out to spread the message of the Kingdom of Heaven. The Apostle Luke was one of the Seventy. After the Lord's Resurrection, the risen Christ appeared to the Apostles Luke and Cleopas on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35).

The Apostle Luke took part in the second missionary journey of the Apostle Paul. The two became traveling companions and Luke remained a faithful friend until Paul's martyrdom in Rome. Luke left Rome to preach in Achaia (Greece), Libya, and Egypt. He was martyred in Thebes.

Luke wrote his Gospel under the guidance of the Apostle Paul. He likewise wrote the book of The Acts of the Apostles. Acts is a continuation of his Gospel.

According to tradition, Luke wrote the first icons of the Mother of God. He also wrote the icons of the Apostles Peter and Paul.*

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Let us praise with sacred songs the holy Apostle Luke, / the recorder of the joyous Gospel of Christ / and the scribe of the Acts of the Apostles, / for his writings are a testimony of the Church of Christ: / He is the physician of human weaknesses and infirmities. / He heals the wounds of our souls, / and constantly intercedes for our salvation!***

**"Apostle and Evangelist Luke." <http://oca.org>. Orthodox Church in America. Web. 13 July 2015.

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