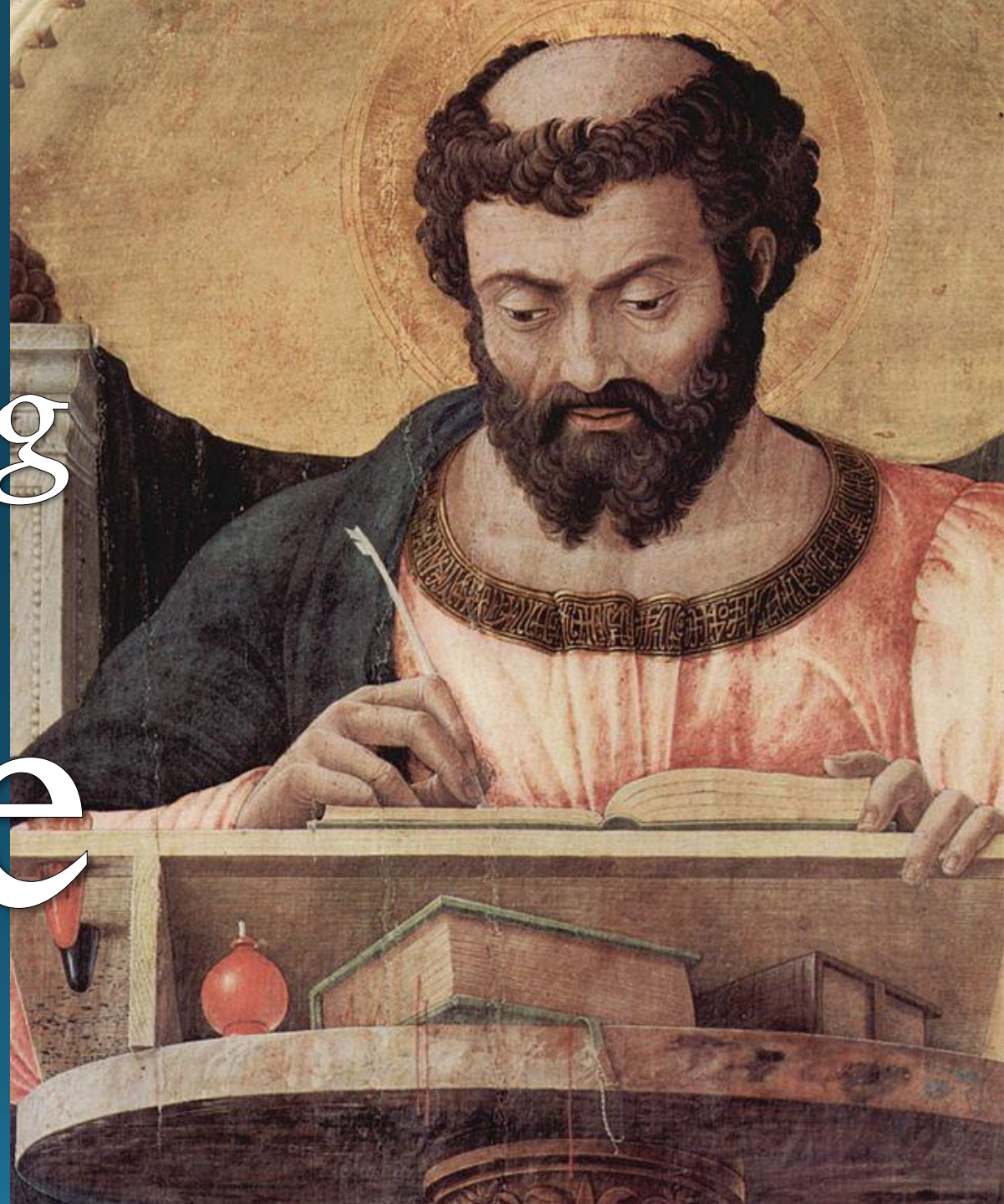


“It ain’t what you don’t know that gets you into trouble. It’s what you know for sure that just ain’t so.”

–Mark Twain

The
Gospel
according
to
Luke

Luke 1:1-4



The “Gospel”

- “Gospel” (Greek *euangelion*) refers to good news
- The Gospel consists of the message that Jesus is the fulfillment of God’s promise of salvation to everyone who seeks Him
- There is only one gospel, though the message is told from four different perspectives

Luke's Gospel

- Luke, “the beloved physician,” wrote both the gospel and Acts
- Luke wrote to Theophilus (Greek for “lover of God”) which may be the real name or alias of a real person, or may be a generic term for any “lover of God”
- Luke wants Theophilus (and other converts like him) to have certainty about what God has done in Christ
- Though not himself an eyewitness, Luke investigated a variety of sources in order to write an “orderly” account

Putting it into Practice

- Give Luke the benefit of the doubt—he has never been proven wrong on a verifiable matter
- Read Luke with an eye to understanding the portrait of Jesus he communicates

