

"Paternity Test"

Luke & Theophilus

Luke 1:1-4 (NIV) *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 With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided 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.*

Divergent Perspectives

1. Jesus as aware of his primary **IDENTITY**.
 - 1 John 3:1a (ESV) *See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.*
2. Jesus was aware of his unwavering **RESPONSIBILITY**.
 - a. 1 John 3:9 (ESV) – *No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God.*
3. Jesus was aware of his human **CONTEXT**.
 - a. 1 Peter 2:13–16 (ESV) *Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴ or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. ¹⁵ For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. ¹⁶ Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.*