

Authorship of the Gospel of Luke

Author of Luke also Wrote Acts		
Luke 1:1-4	¹ Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, ² just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, ³ it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus , ⁴ that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.	
Acts 1:1-2	¹ In the first book, O Theophilus , I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ² until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.	
“We Passages” in Acts		
Acts 16:10-17	Troas to Philippi	Author present during the initial evangelization of Philippi on Paul’s first missionary journey
Acts 20:5-15	Troas to Jerusalem	Joined Paul again as Paul came through Philippi at the end of his third missionary journey Accompanied him to Miletus and from Miletus to Jerusalem
Acts 21:1-18	(Troas to Jerusalem)	
Acts 27:1—28:16	Caesarea to Rome	With Paul on his eventful voyage to Rome And likely through Paul’s two-year house arrest
Paul’s Prison Epistles		
As the author of Acts was with Paul during his first Roman imprisonment (Acts 28:16), it is possible that Paul mentioned him in one of Paul’s prison epistles: <i>Colossians, Philemon, Ephesians, Philippians</i>		Paul names eight companions: <i>Mark, Demas, Jesus Justus, Epaphroditus, Epaphras, Aristarchus, Tychicus, Luke</i>
Mark (Col. 4:10; Phlm. 24)	Mark wrote the Gospel of Mark	
Demas (Col. 4:14; Phlm. 24)	Deserted Paul because he “loved this present world” (2 Tim. 4:10)	
Justus (Col. 4:11)	Was Jewish (Col. 4:11), and the author of Luke-Acts was probably not	
Epaphroditus (Phil. 2:25; 4:18)	Was from Philippi (Phil. 4:25), which makes it difficult to explain how he could have join Paul in Asia Minor before Philippi was evangelized (Acts 16:10)	
Epaphras (Col. 4:12; Phlm. 23)	Noted in the NT as founder of the Colossian church (Col. 1:7-8; 4:12-13; Phlm. 23) and, therefore, it is unlikely that he was the frequent traveling companion of Paul	
Aristarchus (Col. 4:10; Phlm. 24)	Identified in the third-person (Acts 20:5) and went ahead of Paul to Troas (Acts 20:6)	
Tychicus (Eph. 6:21; Col. 4:7)	Identified in the third-person (Acts 20:5) and went ahead of Paul to Troas (Acts 20:6)	
Luke (Col. 4:14; Phlm. 24)	That leaves Luke!	