

## ~THEOPHILUS (25)

(The-oph'i-lus) [Loved by God, Friend of God]

- The person to whom Luke addressed both his Gospel and the Acts of Apostles.
- I resolved also, because I have traced all things from the start with accuracy, to write them in logical order to you, most excellent **Theophilus**. (Luke 1:3)
- That you may know fully the certainty of the things that you have been taught orally. (Luke 1:4)
- The first account, O **Theophilus**, I composed about all the things Jesus started both to do and to teach. (Acts of Apostles 1:1)
- His being called, **most excellent**, may indicate a high position of some kind, or it may simply be an expression of high esteem. **Theophilus** apparently was a Christian, having been orally taught about Jesus Christ and his ministry. Luke's written statement served to assure him of the certainty of what he had learned previously by word of mouth.