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ST. LUKE: A MAN OF MANY TALENTS

Just as the brilliance of a diamond is reflected from the many facets of its surface, so the life of St. Luke shines. His multiple talents show his dedicated service to Christ. A convert to the Christian faith in the earliest days of the Church, Luke became a close companion of St. Paul and labored with him sperading the good news of Christ.

Luke was a GREAT WRITER. He was the author of the Gospel that bears his name, and of the Acts of the Apostles, which tell of the earliest years of the Christian Church. He collected materials for his writing from eyewitnesses of the life of Christ, from such people as St. James and the Virgin Mary.

Luke was the first ICONOGRAPHER. An ancient tradition of the church is that he produced the first icon of the Holy Virgin, painted during her lifetime. He thus set the standard and canon, for icons of the Birthgiver of God

Luke was a medical DOCTOR. St. Paul referred to him as the “beloved” or “glorious physician.” As a doctor, Luke provides details in his invaluable writing that reflect his medical training.

Luke was a MISSIONARY. He labored with Paul on a number of missionary journeys, and is said to have been with the great apostle of the Gentiles during his imprisonment and death.

These are merely a few of the remarkable facets in the life of St. Luke. He was certainly a complete disciple of the Word of God.