



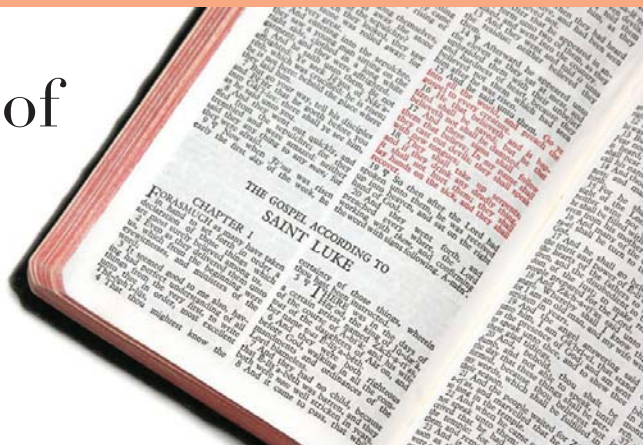
# THE word

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received. Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all.

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.* Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

LUKE 1:1-4; 4:14-21

What kind of gospel are you writing?!



# SOMETHING TO sit WITH

Have you ever been thinking about your life in terms of searching for some kind of as sense, keyword or leitmotif? Maybe you have been wondering: *What does it all mean? What is the overall logic of things that take place in my life?* Sometimes, when you think it all is beginning to make some sense, you discover that all the sudden things take a different course and you are back in square one.

The gospel story of this Sunday is taken from the beginning of Luke's narrative about Jesus, which Luke opens with an explanation of the reason that made him write the gospel to Theophilus, and subsequently to us. Of course, Luke is not alone in such effort. Not only there are Matthew, Mark and John, whose narratives we find in the Bible, but the circle of gospel-writers expands on to many more. It is not a wishful thinking or an exaggeration to say that your life has its own narrative, story of God's presence, your failures, mistakes, but also joys and moments of great love. All of them can be divided onto several chapters, which have their own logic, meaning and importance depending on a particular place and time.

You may say: Yes, I understand that,

however I still can't see much logic about my life at large. What does it ALL mean?

Quite often in what we do, we are driven by results, charts, deadlines and lines that can be drawn. I don't think the same can be said about our spiritual lives. Maybe it is up to God to draw such a line based on a different logic or philosophy, such as the logic of love. It is love that causes one to stay married, involved, dedicated or continue to suffer from somebody else in a situation that clearly makes no sense whatsoever. It does, however to the one who loves...

The other thing is that love is not goal driven, it is not a journey towards a goal, rather it is a constant "now" that matters. It not a commute that has a destination and an overall need to reach it ASAP; instead, it is what happens on the way.

May God bring you many blessings and an ability to see His love in all chapters of your gospel.

## HOLY MASSES at Our Lady of the Skies Chapel

Saturday, January 23 at 5 PM  
Sunday, January 24 at 10:30 AM  
Saturday, January 30 at 5 PM for Michael Zollo  
Sunday, January 31 at 10:30 AM

