

The book we know as 'Luke's Gospel' was, as were the other Gospels, written anonymously perhaps about 30-40 years after Jesus in 60-70AD. He was almost certainly NOT a disciple or eye-witness as there is no mention of a Disciple called Luke in the four Gospels.

Scholars think he wrote mainly for Jesus following Gentiles (non-Jews).

Even though he wrote in a different place and at a different time from Matthew, some scholars think he knew Matthew's and also Mark's Gospels (**or at least he shared knowledge of their sources**).

Luke was also a creative artist rather than a recorder of events, so he may also have had his own sources (**proto-Luke**) and **redacted** (edited) the material from these sources to fit his purpose, and/or introduced unique ideas of his own.

Luke is the only other New Testament writer to give an account of Jesus' Nativity.

Do you think he copied Matthew, introduced unique ideas of his own, or redacted his source material?
Give reasons for your answer.

