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 Gospel of Mark is at least as precious to him as any of the others;   
 serving an end, and filling a void, which could not without spiritual   
 detriment be left uncared for.   
   
   
   
   
   
   
 CHAPTER IV.   
 OF THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE.   
   
   
   
 SECTION I.   
   
   
 ITS AUTHORSHIP.   
   
 1, AxrHoven the Author of this Gospel plainly enough speaks of   
 himeelf in his Introduction, and in that to the Acts of the Apostles, we   
 are left to gather his name from tradition. Here, however, as in the   
 case of Mark, there seems to be no reasonable ground of doubt. It has   
 been universally ascribed to Lucas, or Luke, spoken of Col. iv. 14, and   
 again Philem. 24, and 2 Tim. iv. 11.   
 2. Of this person we know no more with any certainty than we find   
 related in the Acts of the Apostles and the passages above referred to.   
 From Col. iv. 11, 14, it would appear that he was not born a Jew, being   
 there distinguished from “ those of the circumcision.” It is, however,   
 quite uncertain whether he had become a Jewish proselyte previous   
 to his conversion to Christianity. His worldly calling was that of a   
 Physician; he is called “the beloved Physician” by Paul, Col. iv. 14.   
 A very late tradition, generally adopted by the Romish Church, makes   
 him also to have been a painter; but it is in no respect deserving of   
 credit. His birthplace is said“by Eusebius and Jerome to have been   
 Antioch, but traditionally only, and perhaps from a mistaken identification   
 of him with Lucius, Acts xiii. 1. Tradition, as delivered by Epiphanius,   
 Theophylact, Euthymius, &c., makes him to have been one of the seventy,   
 Luke x. 1; but this is refuted by his own testimony, in his Preface,—   
 where he by implication distinguishes himself from those who were   
 eye-witnesses and ministers of the word. It seems to have arisen from   
 his Gospel alone containing the account of their mission.   
 3. Luke appears to have attached himself to Panl during the second   
 missionary journey of the Apostle, and at Troas (Acts xvi. 10). This   
 may perhaps be inferred from his there first making use of the first   
 person plural in his narrative ; after saying (ver. 8) “they came down   
 to Troas,” he proceeds (ver. 10), “immediately we endeavoured to go   
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