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***THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE AS A HISTORICAL DOCUMENT IN THE
LIGHT OF ANTIQUITIES OF THE JEWS BY FLAVIUS JOSEPHUS***

SUMMARY

The history of Jesus the Nazarene's life seems to have been provocative for the Roman Catholic Church. In XIX and XX centuries it was marked by many controversies. Thus "The Gospel according to St. Luke" may be recognized as having the great importance in historical debates about the Founder of Christianity. The contribution of this article puts forward a historical approach to the work of St. Luke, which is acclaimed as a worth amid all the writings about Jesus Christ, and the beginning of the Church. The gospel of St. Luke is distinguished by its original and methodical manner of writing, which features its historical character. The author refers to "Antiquities of the Jews" by Flavius Josephus, as this work is devoted to the parallel time to that of Jesus Christ's life and the beginning of the Christianity. With comparing the lives and works of Luke and Flavius, the historical aspect of "The Gospel according to St. Luke" may be appreciated and shown more clearly.

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