

Family Updates

Week 41 Budget - \$374k Received - \$298k

Conference Goal - \$80k (from Ames DSM CityChurch) Received - \$40k

Jeff - just left Sri Lanka, now in Hong Kong, then Orlando and Patterson, NJ

BILD Conference and Executive Leadership Summit - 10 days away!

Art displayed in Florence, Italy at International Biennial of Contemporary Art

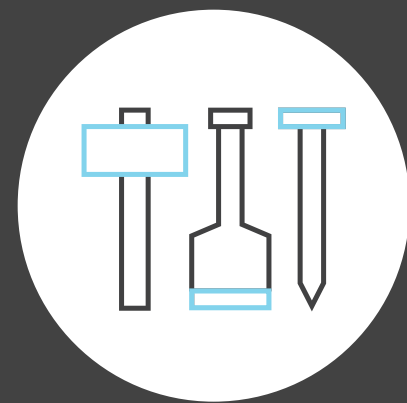
400 artists, 70 countries - Matt was selected out of 26 from USA to showcase



The Coming 2017 Conference–Summit

Playing your part - Signup sheets are in the back!

- ~~Baked goods and purchased food - BOTH FULL~~
- **Host homes (Annie Keller leading) - NEED 8-10 more rooms**
- **Airport transportation (Keith Cook leading) - NEED more**
- **Serving in kitchen with snacks (Julie Allen leading) - NEED more**
- **Setup crew (Brian Kilmer) - NEED more**
- **\$80,000 needed to host the conference - NEED more**



The Gospels Series

Examining the Intention of Jesus' Life and Ministry
as Witnessed by the Writers of the Four Gospels

MASTERING THE SCRIPTURES SERIES

1st - 6th Grades - Learning of Luke's Intention

1st - 6th are learning about Luke

5th-6th are joining us for the first part of this morning, understanding Luke's intention.

Teaching the whole counsel of God

Acts 20:20, 26-27

...how I did not shrink from declaring to you **anything that was profitable**, and teaching you in public and from house to house

Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the **whole counsel of God**.

Timothy 2:14–15

Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, **a worker** who has no need to be ashamed, **rightly handling the word of truth**.

Teaching the whole counsel of God



500 years ago

...good God what a wretchedness I have seen, the church leaders are wholly unfit for teaching - Luther

- Scripture alone
- Faith alone
- All saints

While in hiding, he translated the New Testament into German.

The printing press made the 95 thesis and bible translation possible.

Teaching the whole counsel of God

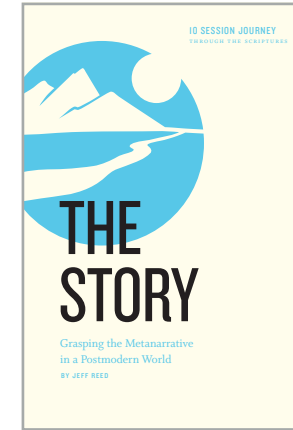
500 years later...How well do our leaders and all people know the scriptures today?
How united in the faith is the church? Do our churches have an intentional training for
renewing all people's mind in wisdom?

...to equip the saints until we all attain maturity and unity of the faith

The Story

The First Principle Series

- First Principles of the Faith
- First Principles of Family Life
- First Principles of Establishing Churches



Master the Scriptures

Old Testament Collection

- Series 1 - The Law (2021)
- Series 2 - The Prophets (2023)
- Series 3 - The Writings (2025)

New Testament Collection

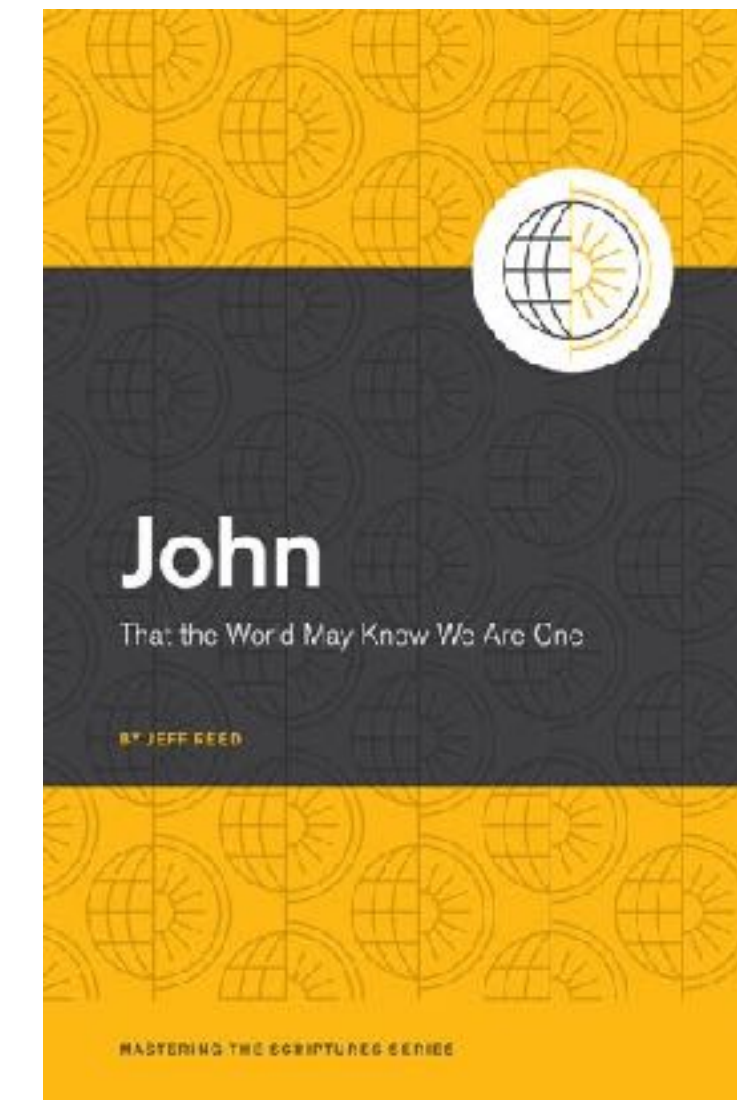
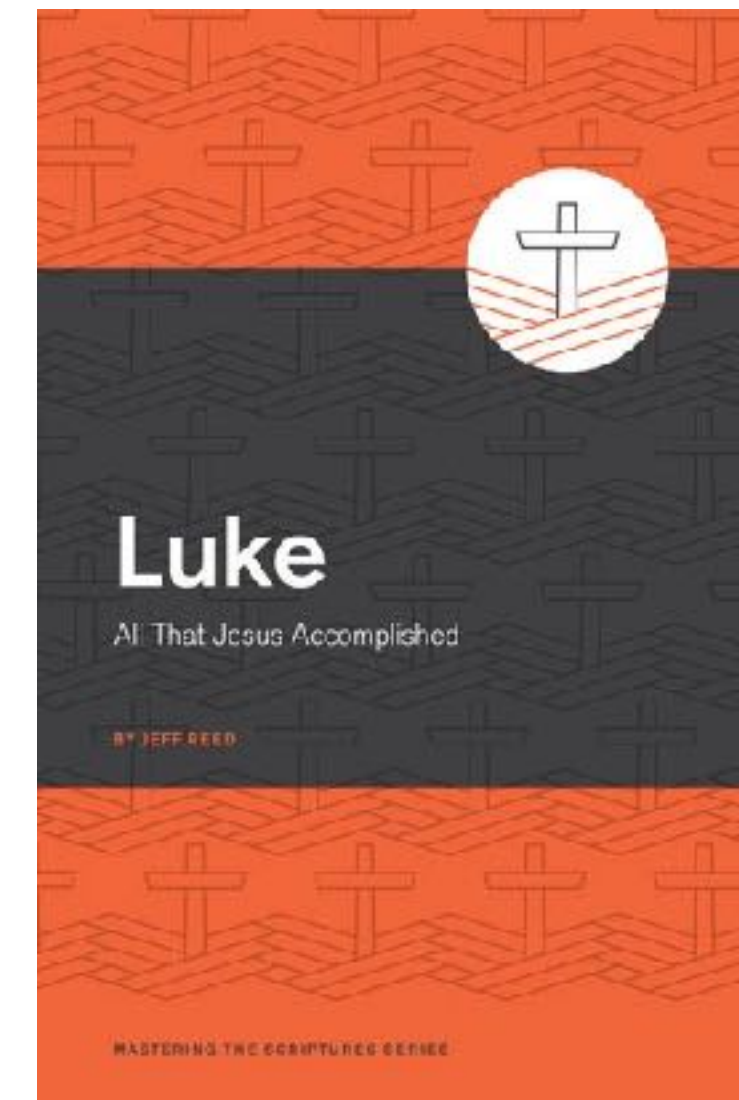
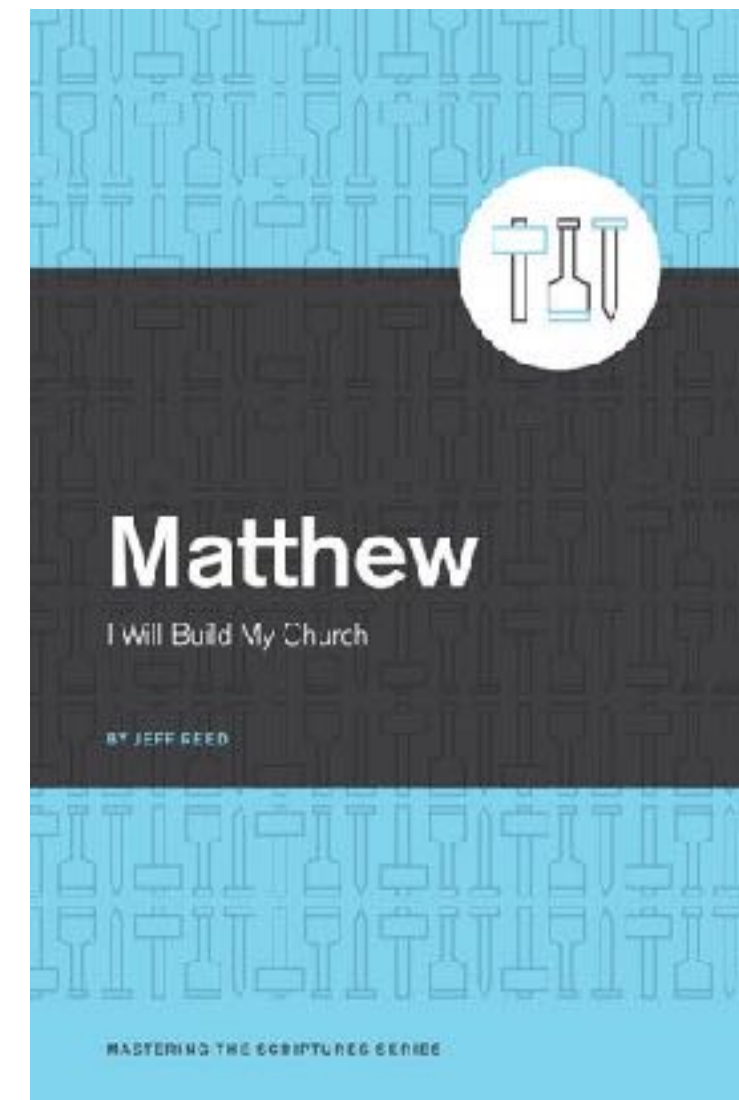
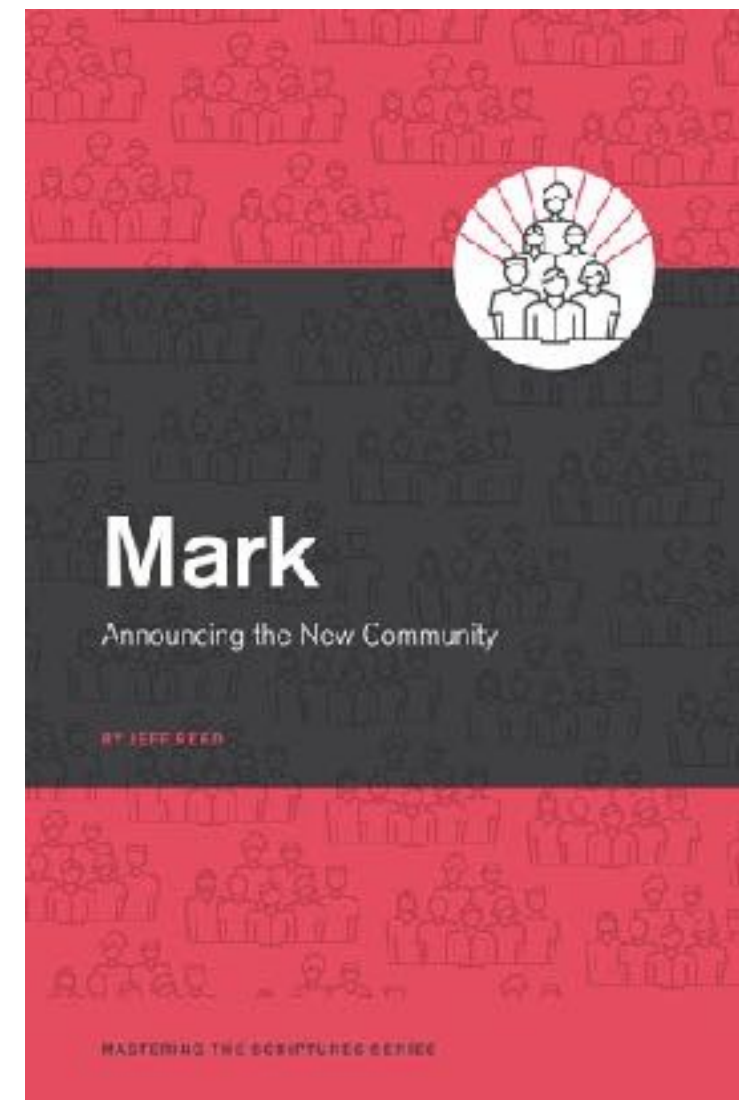
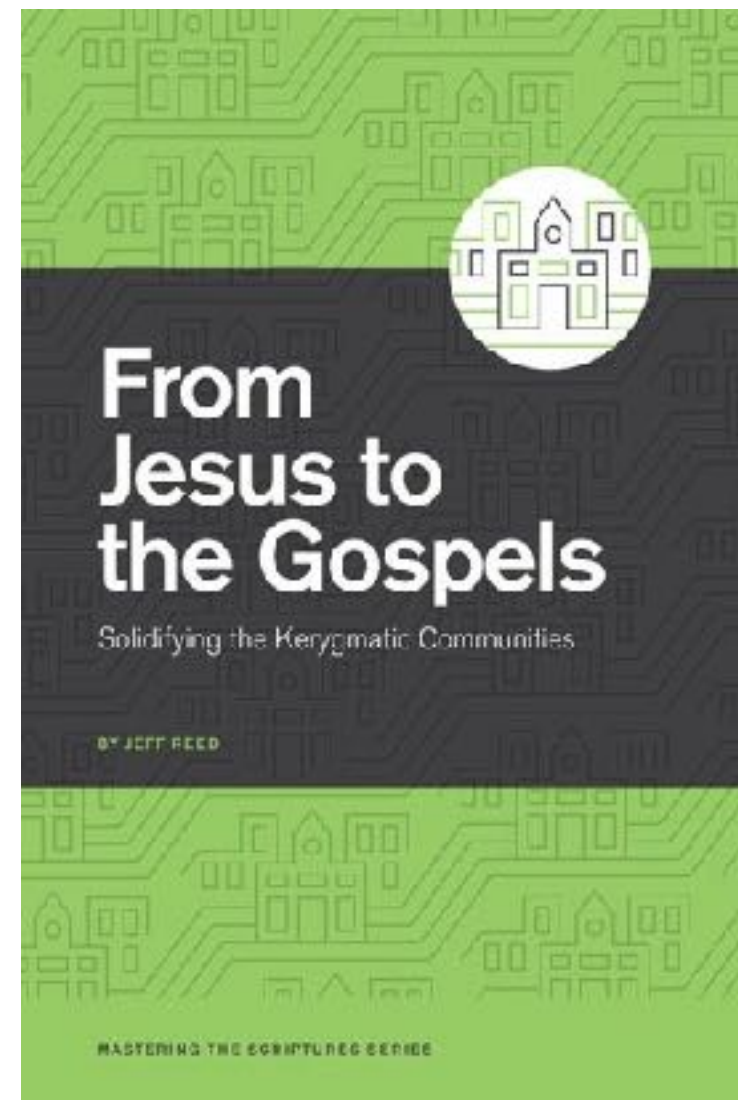
- Series 1 - The Gospels (2017)
- Series 2 - Paul's Early Letters (2018)
- Series 3 - Jewish Encyclicals (2019)
- Series 4 - Johannine Writings (2020)



The Leadership Series - Establishing Churches & Theology in Culture



The Gospels Series



We will be handing out the books for everyone.

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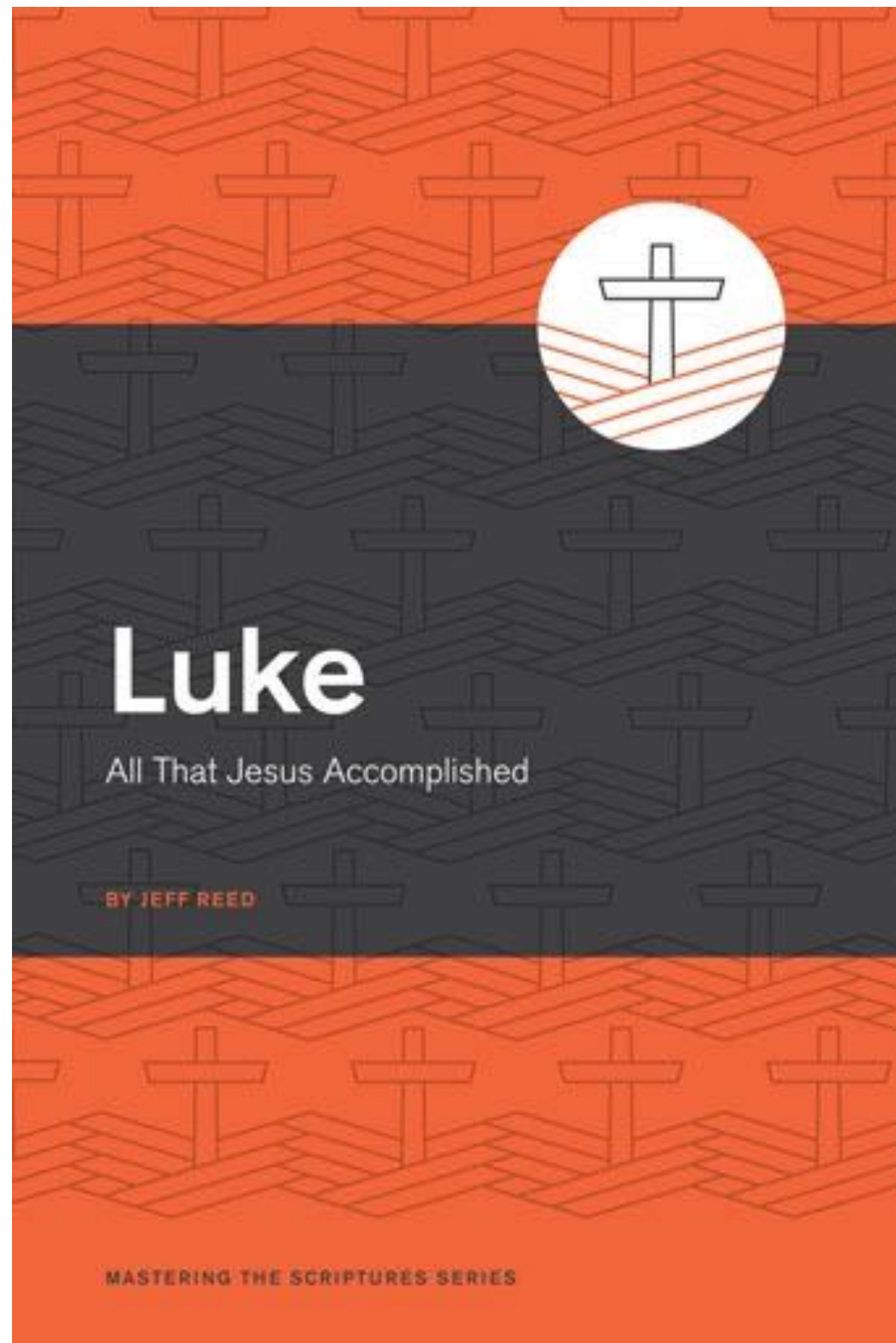
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Kerygmatic Outline of Luke

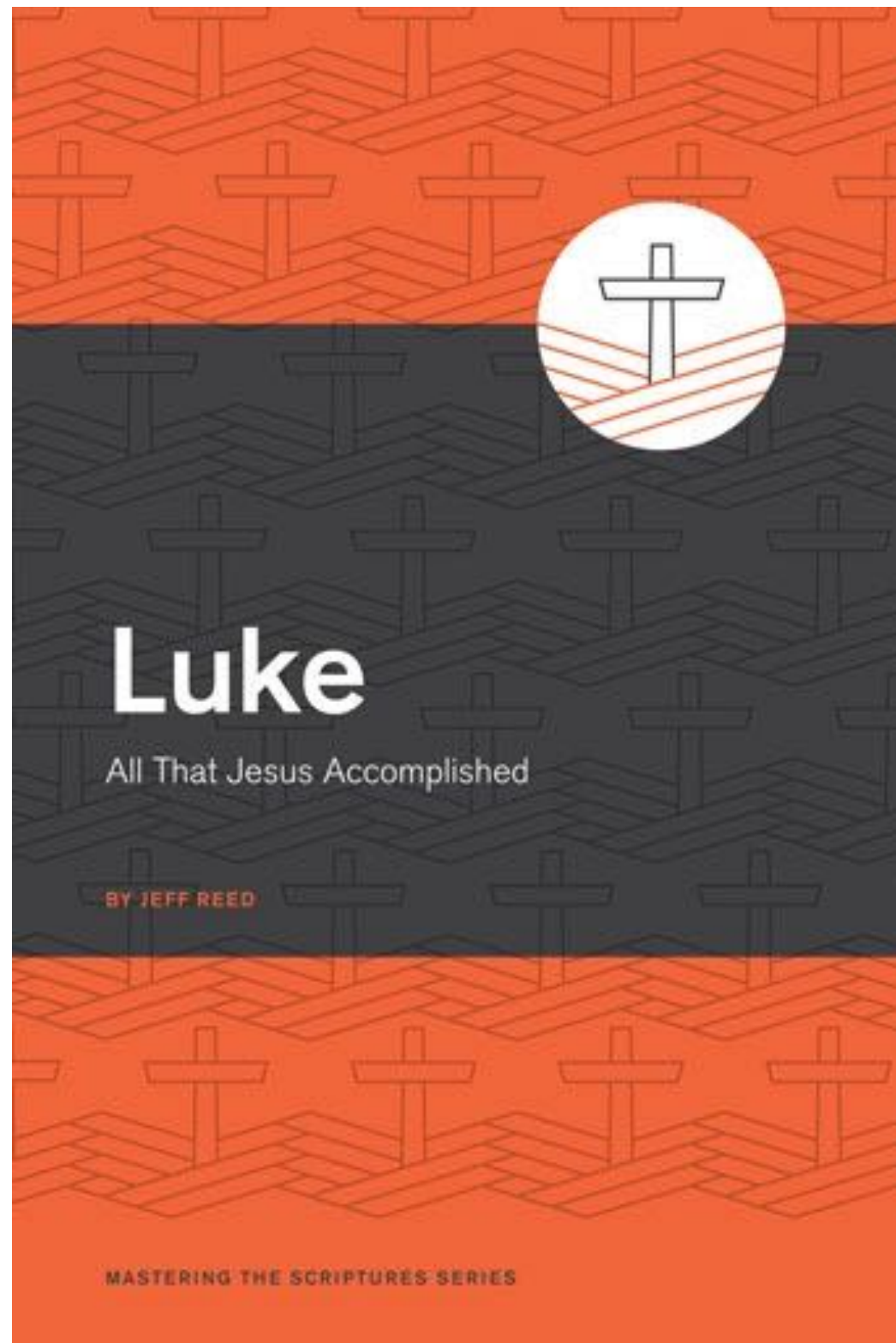
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Luke - Intention of Luke

Luke 1:1-4

Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, ² just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, ³ I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first,^a to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.



Luke - Intention of Luke

Many have undertaken - to go about collecting, to undertake a project

To set down an orderly account - to compile, to organize, to set in order

Events that have been fulfilled among us - events or deeds that have taken place or accomplished

Handed down - to entrust

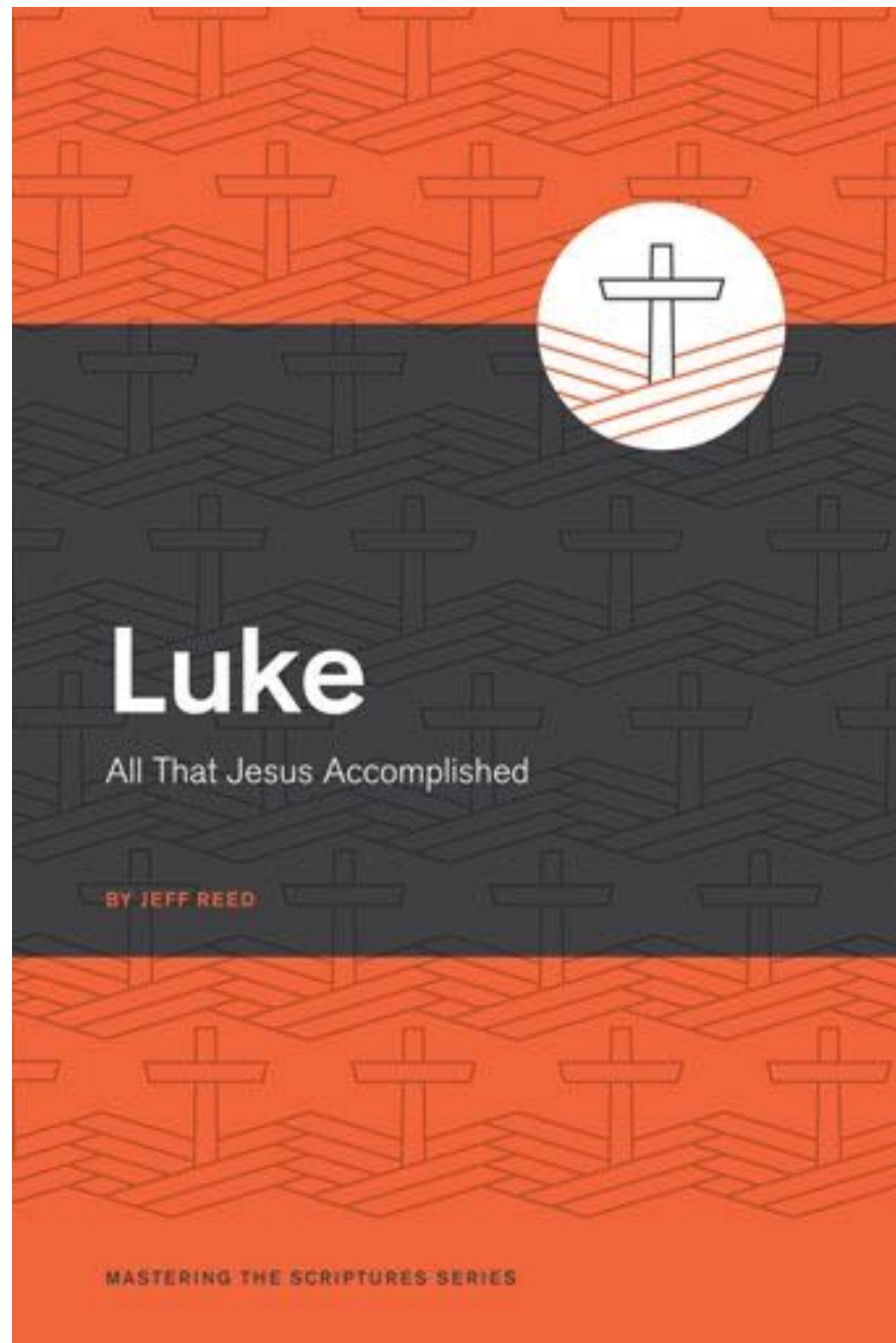
From the beginning were eye witnesses - from the source, authority

After investigating everything carefully - to follow closely

Write an orderly account - to record point by point, place to place

So that you may know the truth - know the truth

About which has been instructed - catecheo



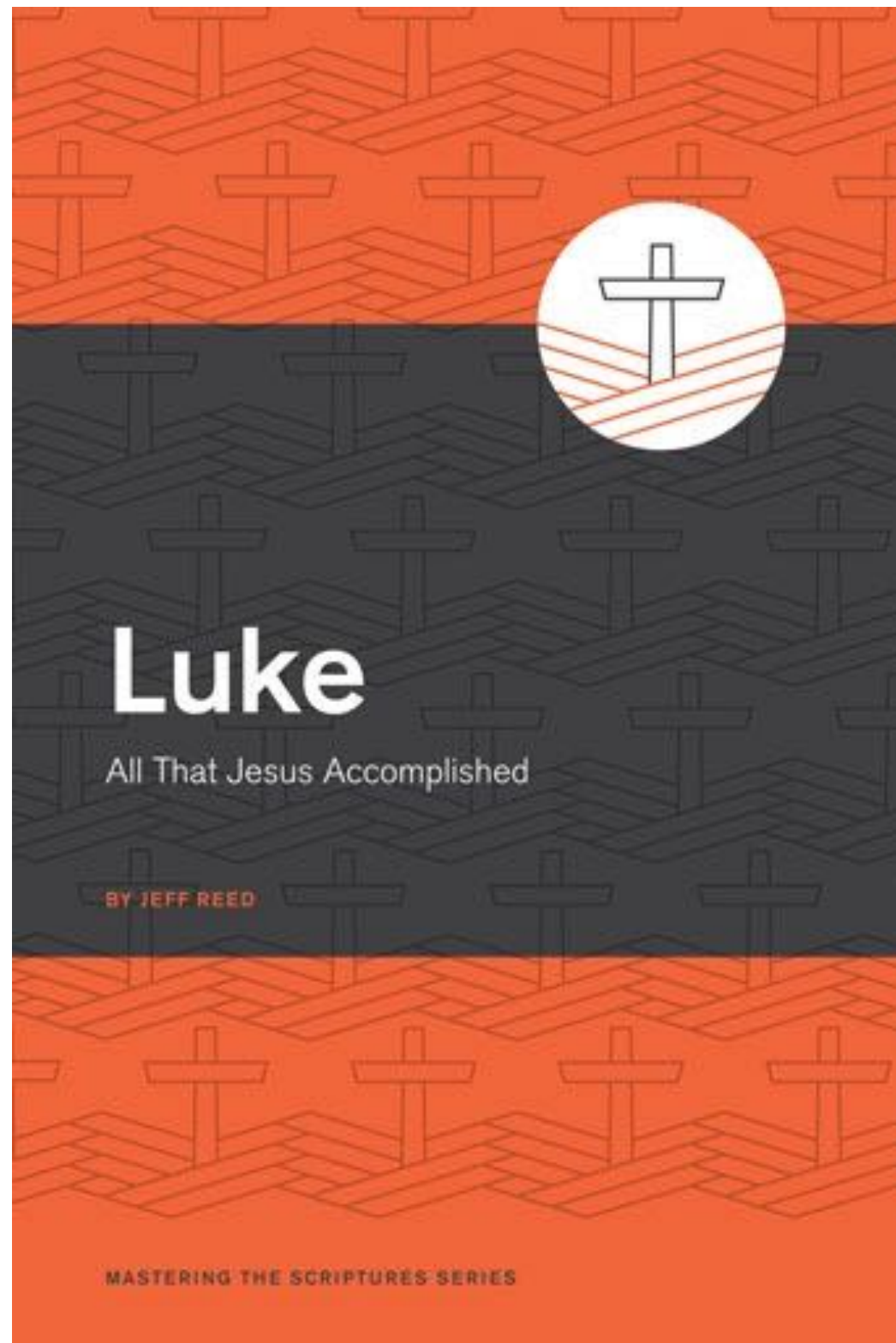
Luke - Intention of Luke

Acts 1:1-2

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus **began to do and teach**, 2 until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.

Began to do and teach - is an active infinitive, which means it is what Jesus continued to do and teach.

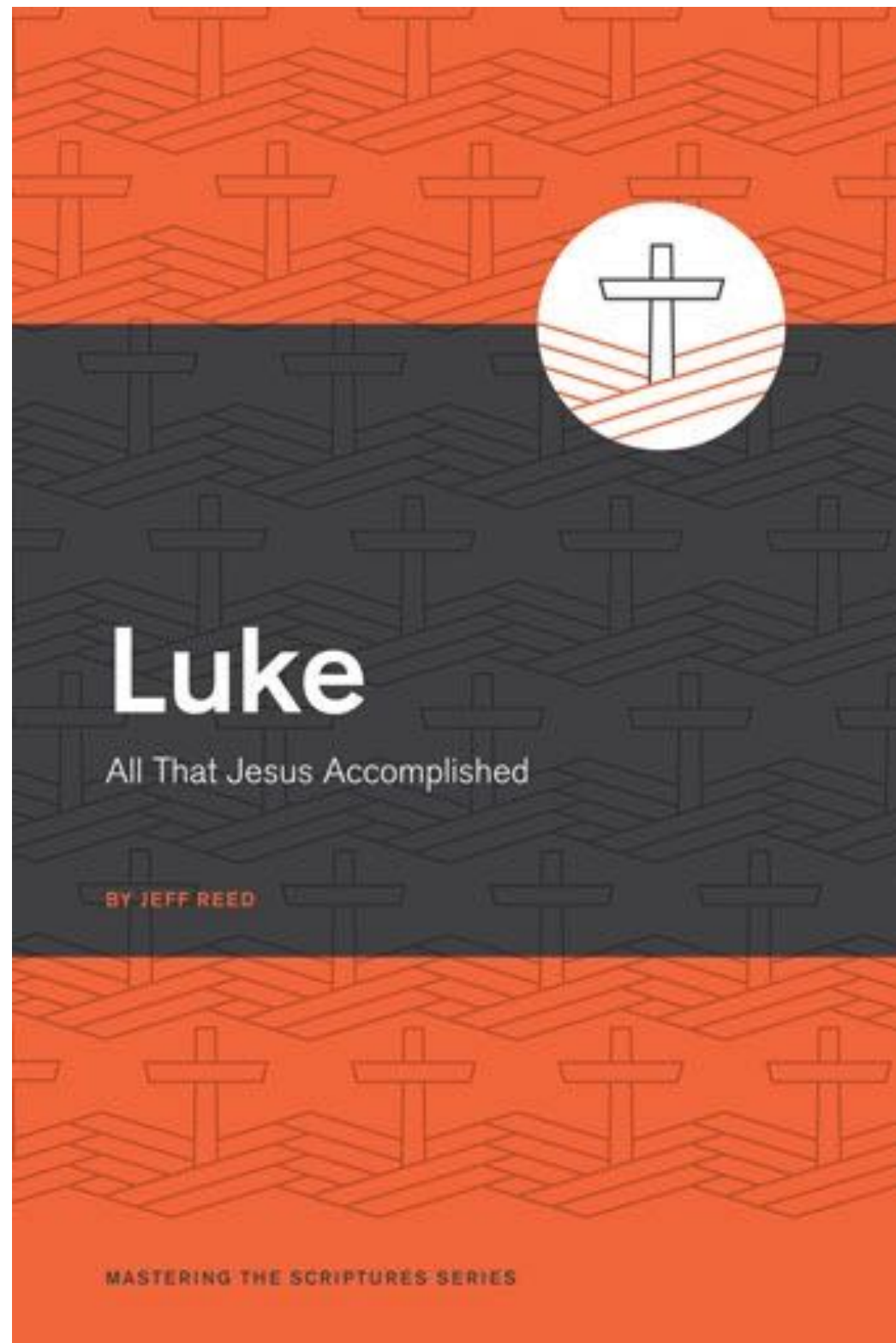
Volume 1 (Luke) is focused on what Jesus began to do and teach
Volume 2 (Acts) is focused on what Jesus continued to do and teach through His Apostles.



Luke - Intention of Luke

Today, many churches separate the two books and miss the big unfolding plan describe by Luke in his two volumes.

It is replaced with an individualistic, corporate discipleship plan, which distorts volume one and misses the point of volume two, leaving out the church.



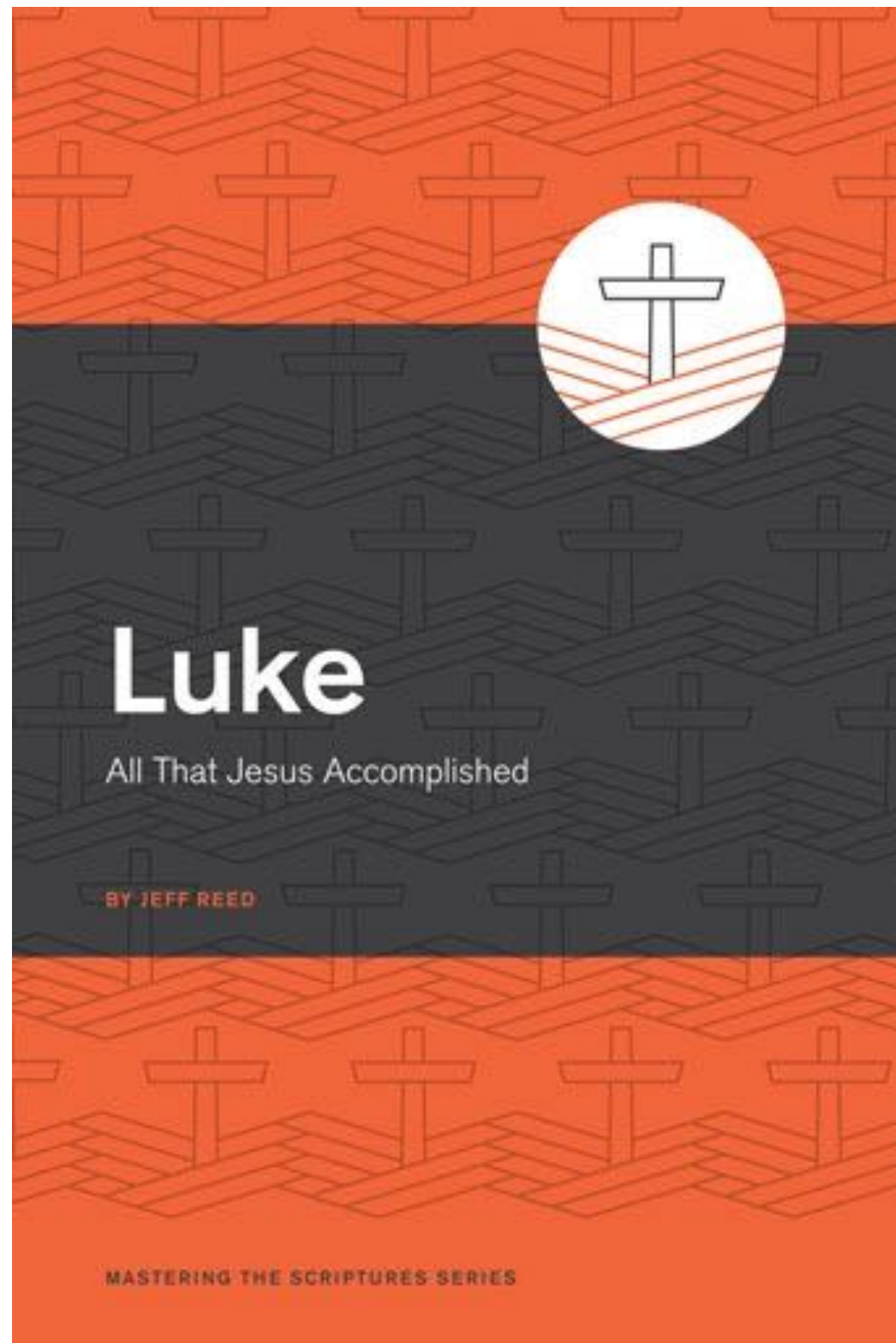
Luke - Intention of Luke

Luke 24:44–49 (ESV)

44 Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46 and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, **beginning from Jerusalem.** 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. **But stay in the city** until you are clothed with power from on high.”

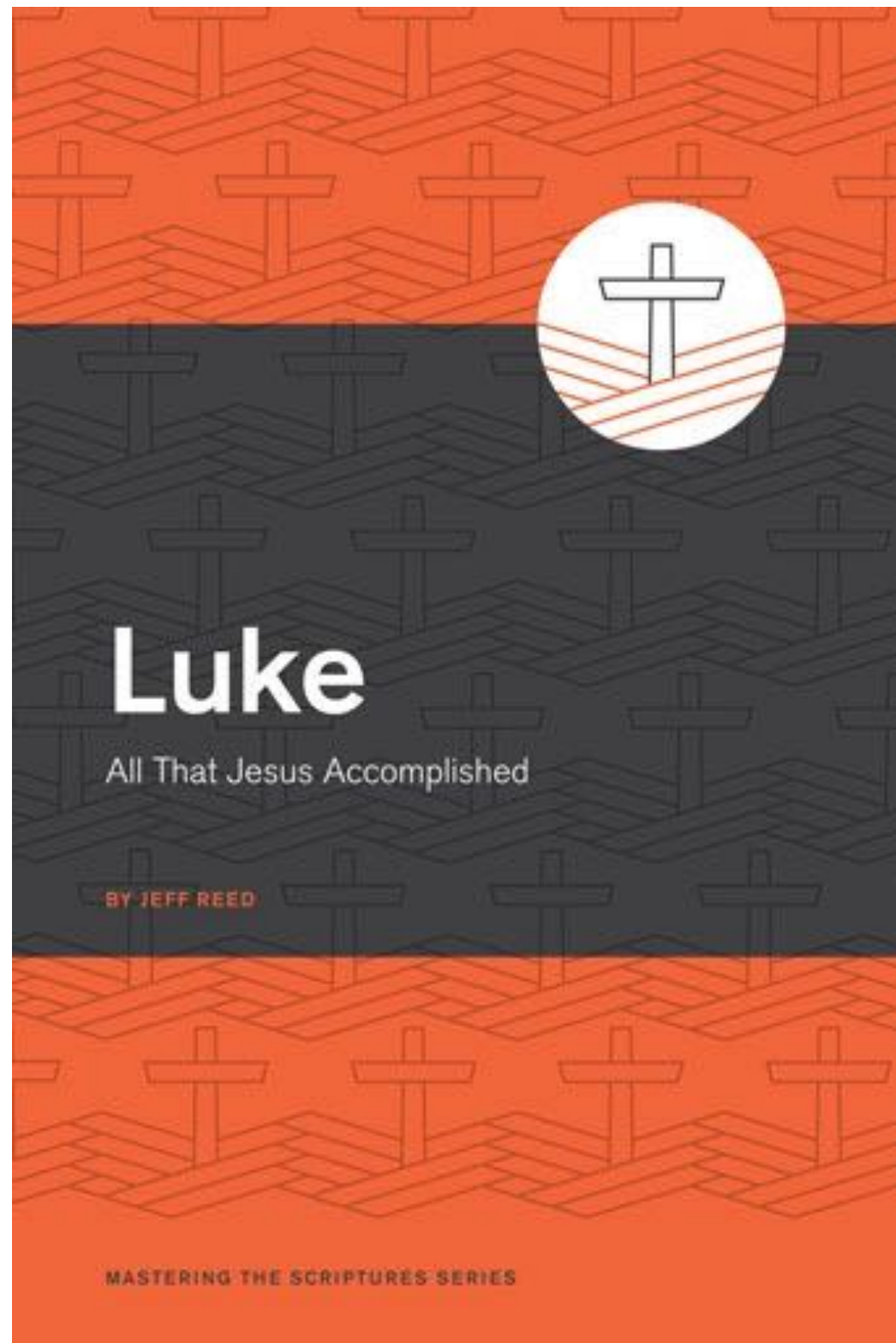
Acts 1:6–8 (ESV)

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7 He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and **you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.**”



Luke: All That Jesus Accomplished

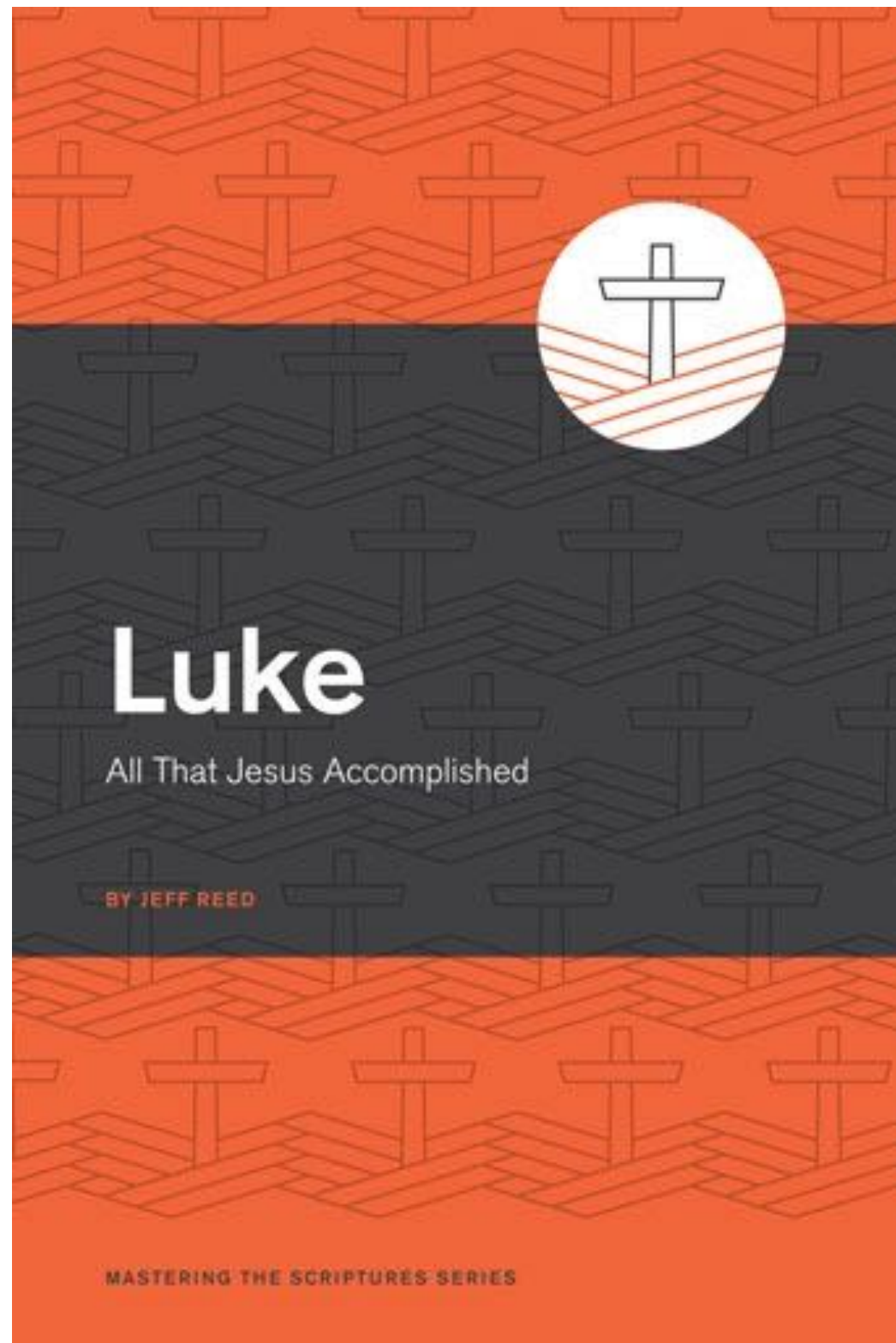
Luke set out to write a two-volume account of all Jesus accomplished from the beginning until the time of his writing. It was initially intended for Paul's empire wide network of Gentile churches, giving them the entire account of everything handed down to them by the Apostles, including Paul, so they might think clearly about the continuation of the spontaneous progress of the gospel worldwide, in this time of great transition.



Discussion

1. In your own words describe Luke's purpose/intention for writing?
2. What does Luke want Theophilus to know?
3. Why is it important to understand the his two volumes as having a single intention?
4. Jesus death and resurrection inaugurated the new kingdom, yet in our religious world today we separate Jesus' death and resurrection from His plan for the good news to go to all nations. We fail to see God's unfolding plan and how we are to participate with it going to all nations. Instead we have made systems of how individuals are to be disciples and saved. A completely different system than Luke is describing. How does understanding Luke-Acts as a single unit, answer some of the struggle of missions and discipleship questions of our churches today?

After discussion 5th and 6th graders are dismissed.



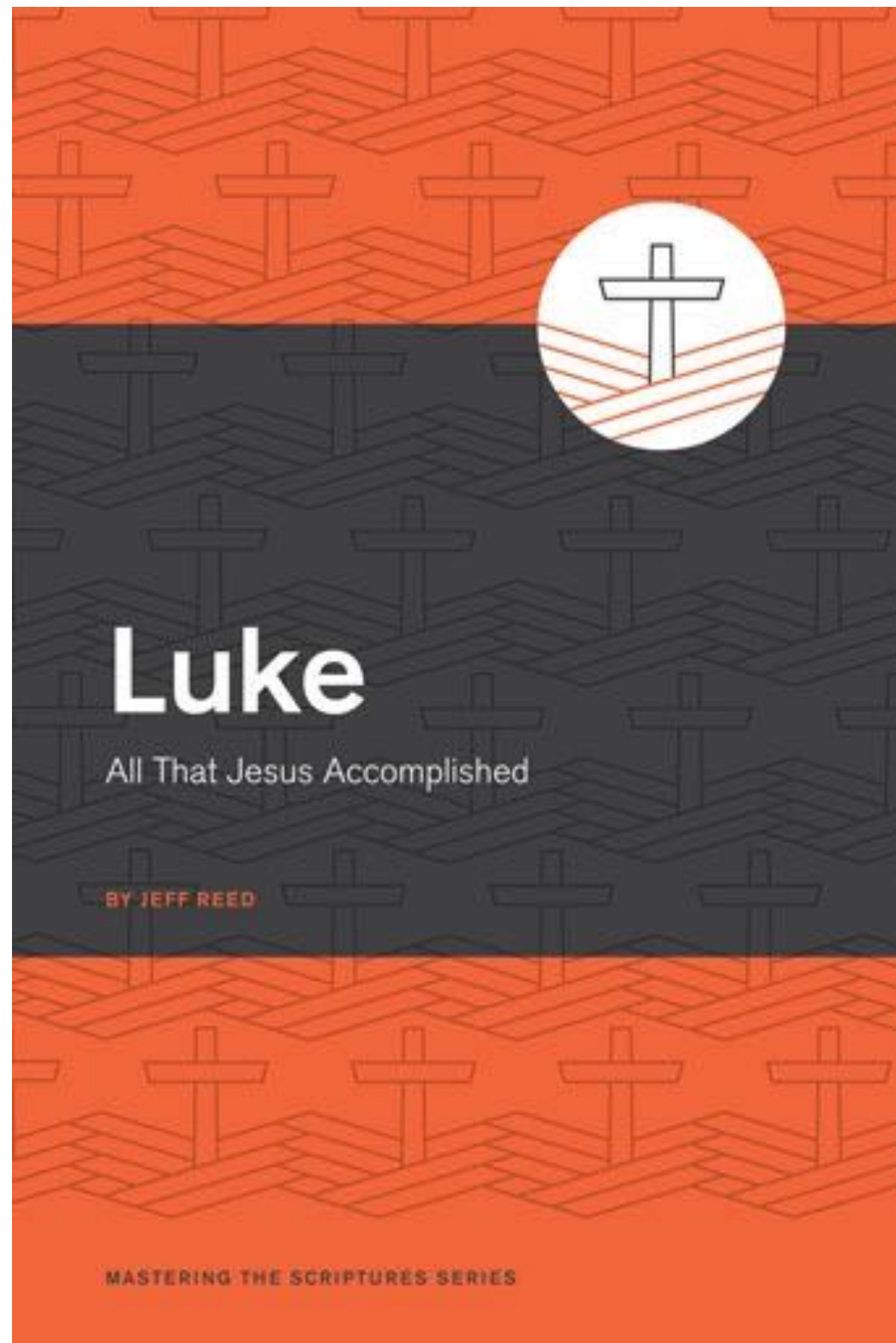
Luke - Proclamation Nuanced

Luke, like Mark (1:14) and Matthew (4:17) - repeat that the Kingdom is near - see Luke 3:18; 4:42-44; 7:22; 8:1; 9:2; 10:1-2, 8

Luke continues that the Kingdom of God is near, yet he nuances the kerygmatic statement and outline with Isaiah 61.

Luke 4:17-19

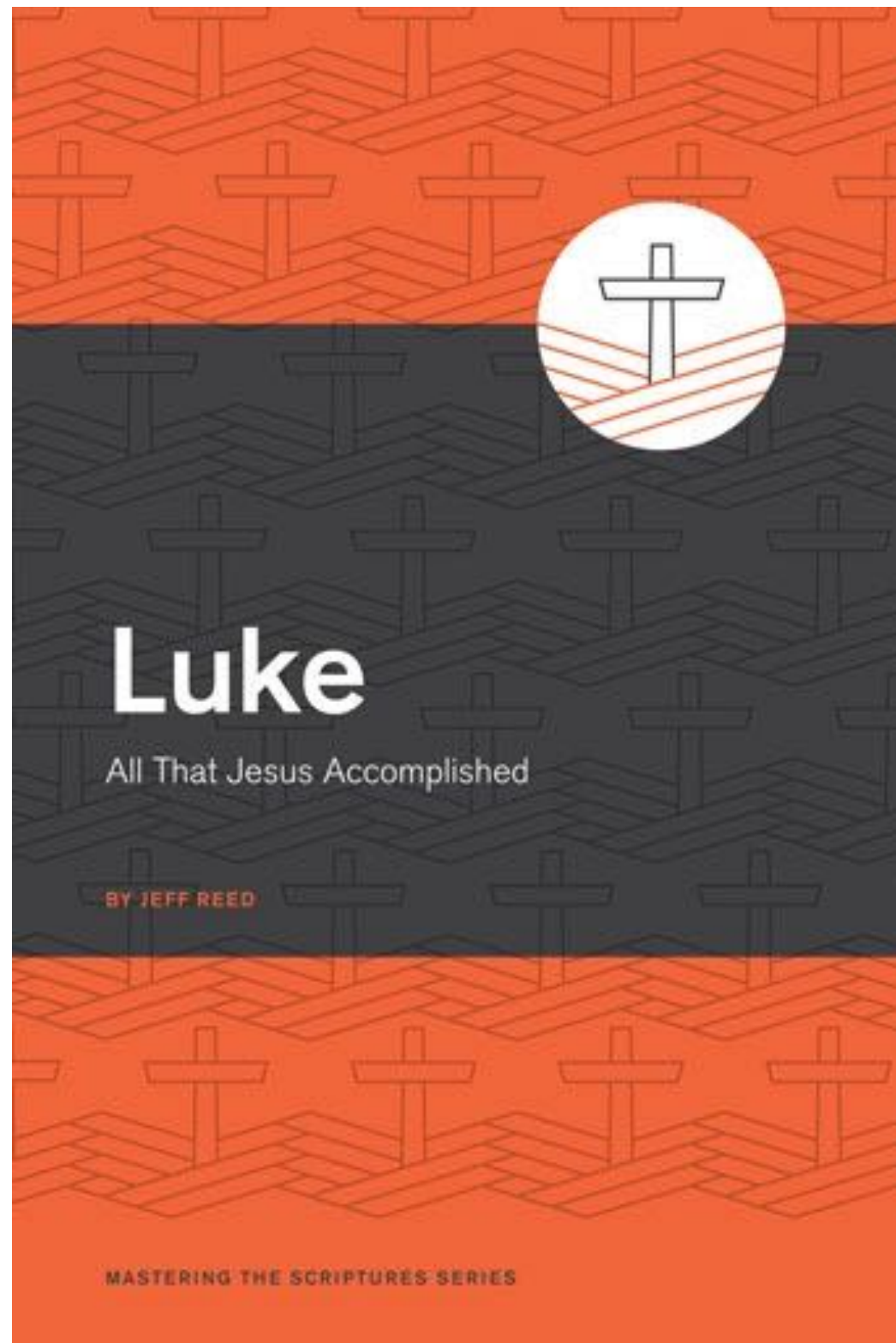
17 And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."



Luke - Proclamation Nuanced

Jesus quotes out of the last section of Isaiah (Isaiah 40-66). What was Jesus saying by reading this quote at the beginning of His ministry? What was Luke doing by placing the quote here in his Gospel, as a summary of the kerygmatic statement?

- Jesus knew He was that anointed servant who would suffer and die and bring about all that was planned back in Isaiah 40-66.
- Jesus knew that He would be a light to the Gentiles
- Luke knew the whole plan, including His death and His kingdom which would include Gentiles. It sets the stage for Volume 2 (Acts)
- The ministry of setting free the poor and oppressed, setting His face like flint (Isa 50:7) become a light to the nations.



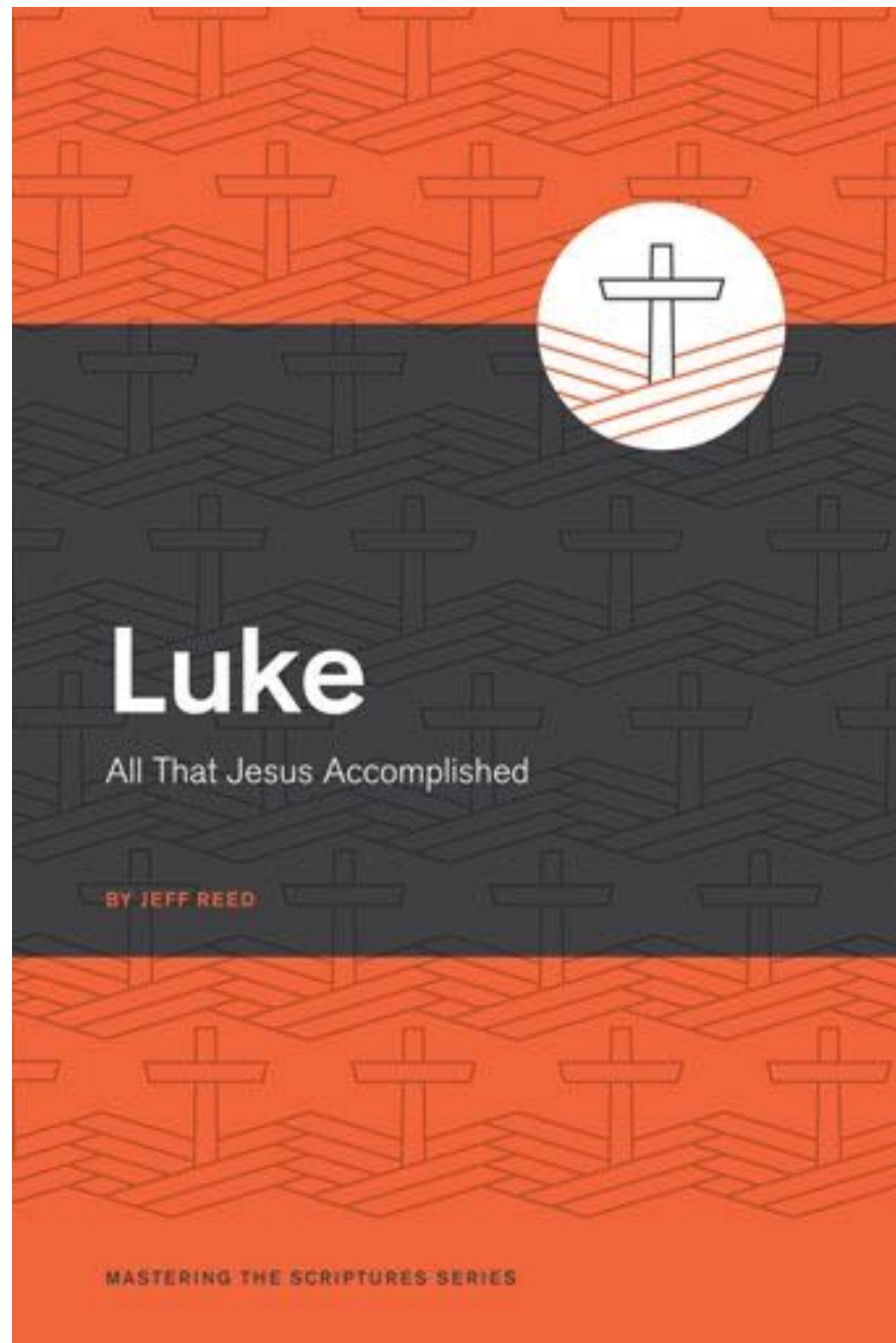
Luke: Proclamation Nuanced

Luke's proclamation is in essence the same.

Jesus stated that the scripture He read from Isaiah was fulfilled as He read it.

However his emphasis is not on repenting (or Kingdom near), but rather that this good news is brought to the poor. All this makes clear that the good news of the expansion of the good news was to go to the Gentiles, rather than to Israel, who was not receptive.

The kerygmatic message that Luke is about to unfold in his two volumes is the message of the servant (from Isaiah) and the entire unfolding plan of God which begins with His Church as the inauguration of the kingdom.



Luke: The Plan, Phase 1

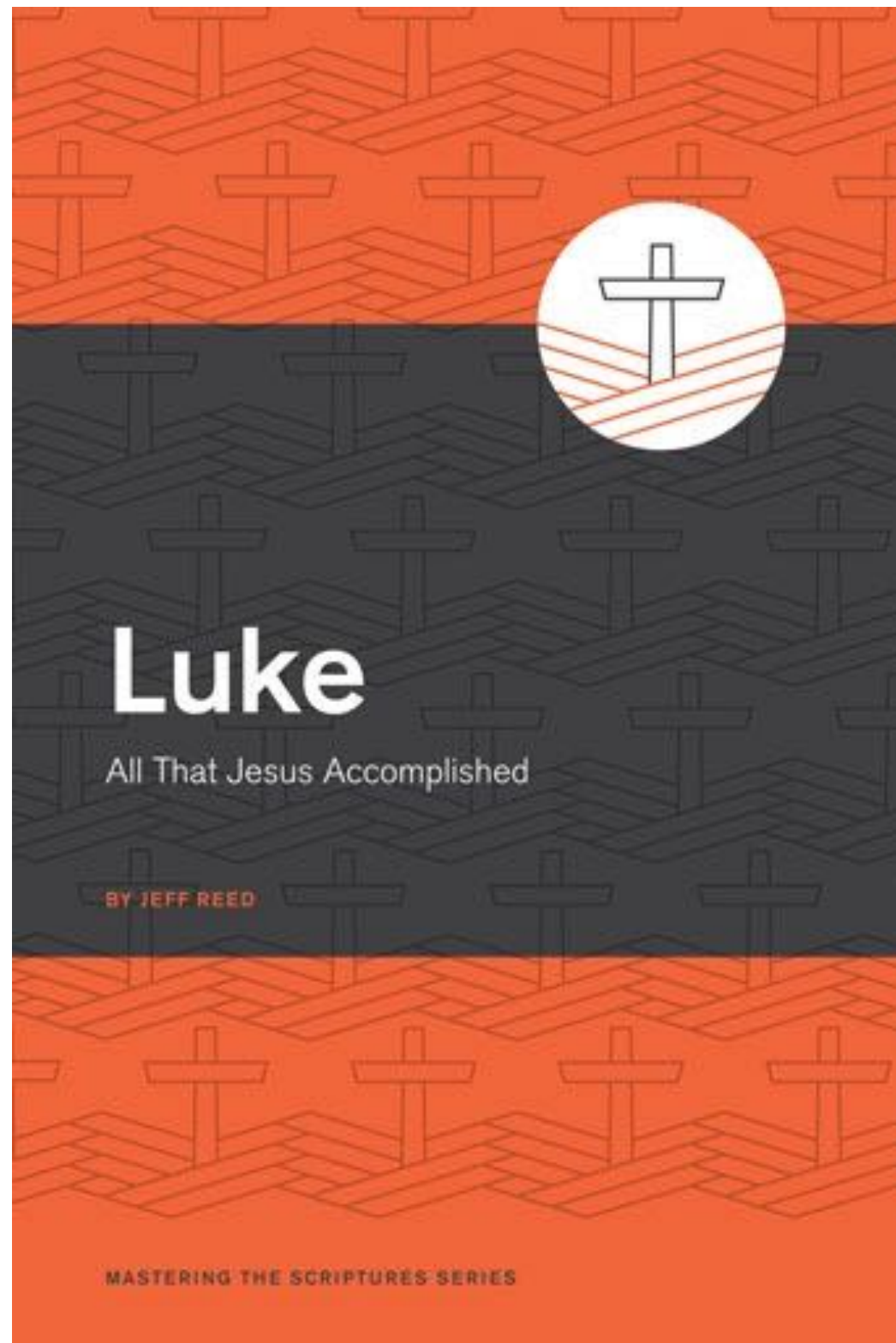
Volume 1 - Luke - is phase 1 of God's one plan

Volume 2 - Acts - is phase 2 of God's one plan

Mark and Matthew, in their kerygmatic literary outline have great commissions statements at the end, Luke write all of volume 2, Acts, as a great commission.

Volume 1 - Luke - is what Jesus accomplished on earth

Volume 2 - Acts - is what Jesus continued to do and teach, a plan that will be in force until He comes again

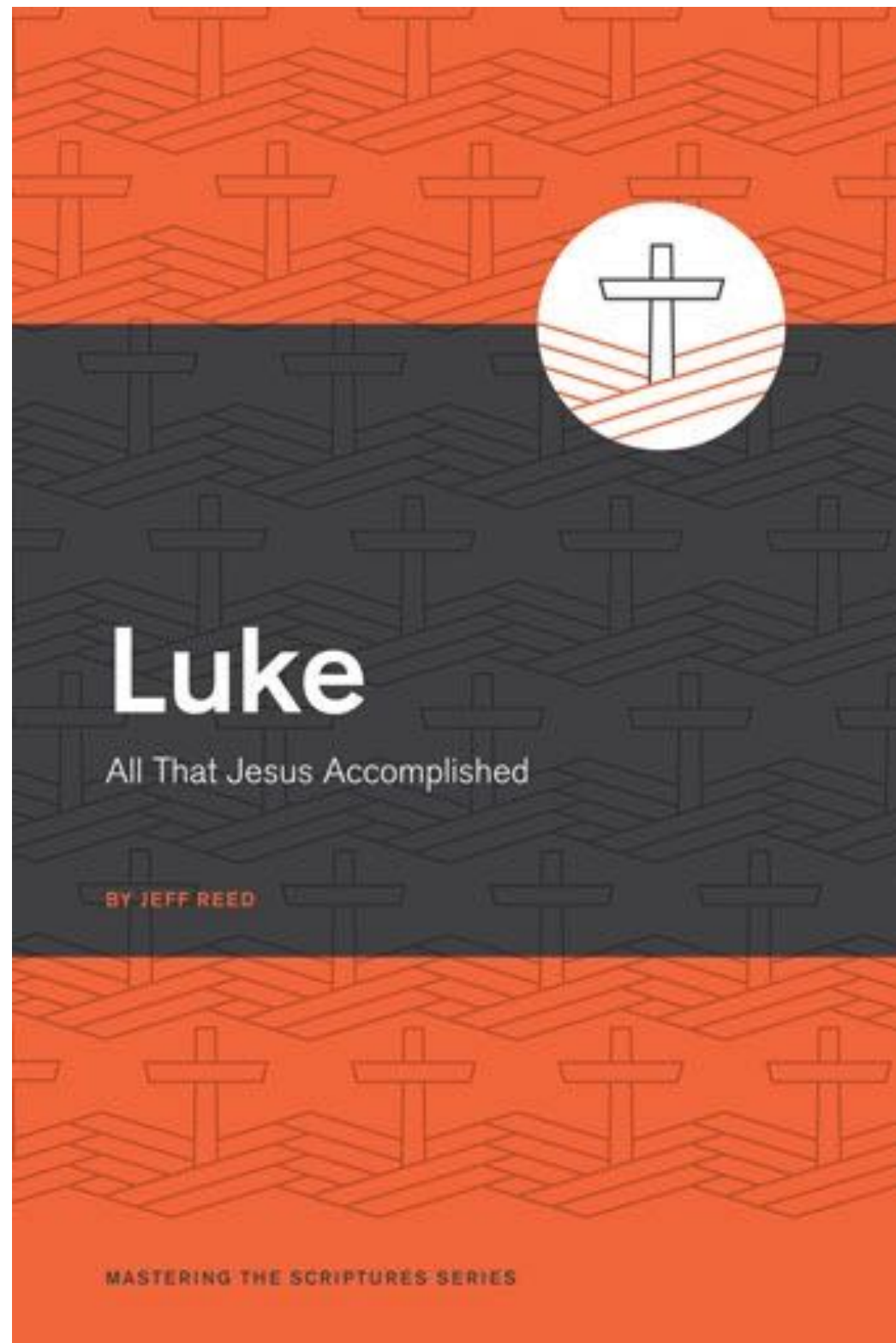


Luke: The Plan, Phase 1

Jesus summarizes the plan in one statement.... Notice how Jesus' death and resurrection is integrated to the gospel going to the ends of the earth!

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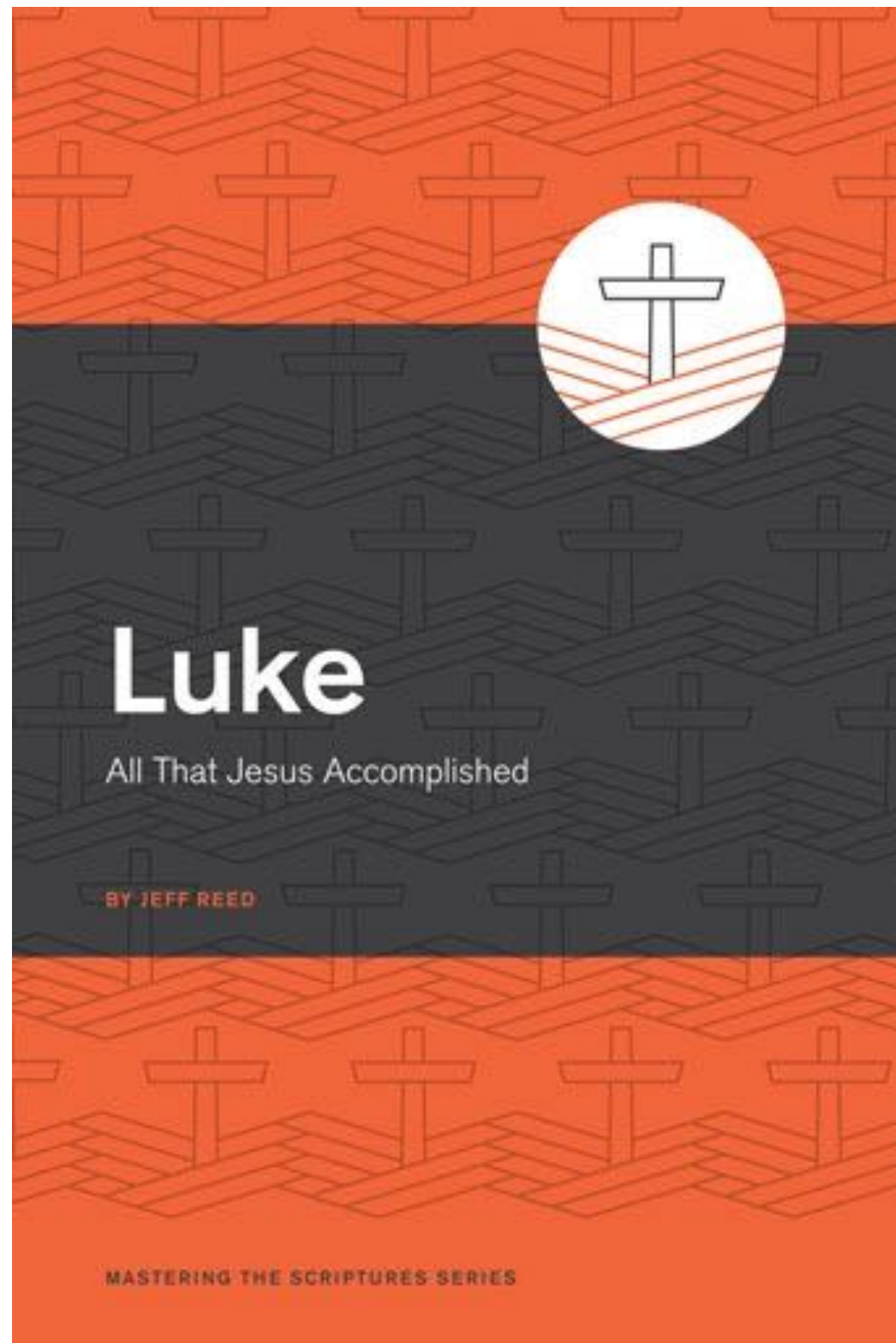
Luke is intentional about communicating that Jesus was focused on His plan (...his face was like flint - Isa 50:7 in context of Isa 61)

9:30-32

Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which **he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.**

9:51-53

⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, **he set his face to go to Jerusalem.** ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³ but they did not receive him, because **his face was set toward Jerusalem.**



Luke: The Plan, Phase 1

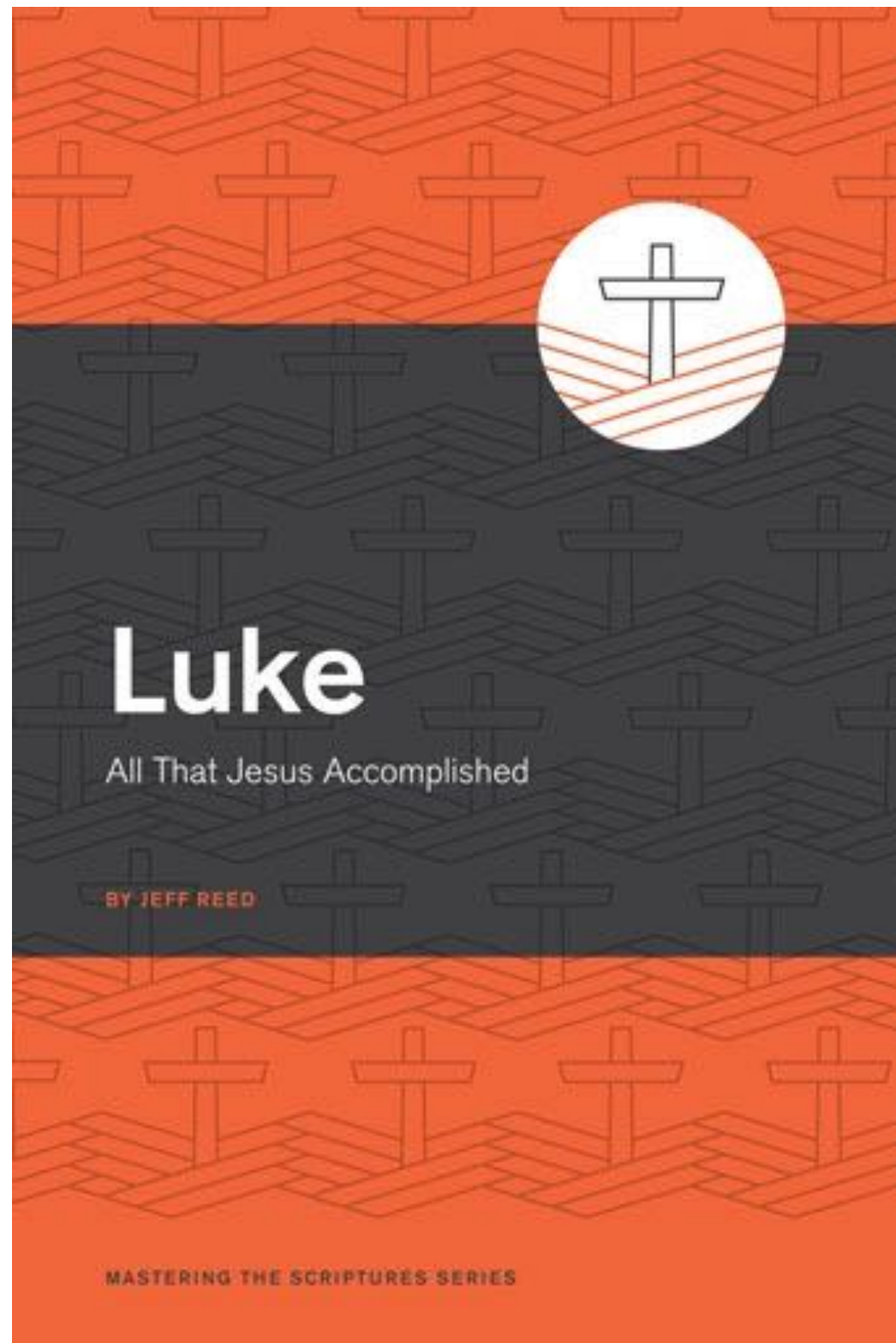
13:22 ²² Jesus^b went through one town and village after another, teaching as he **made his way to Jerusalem.**

17:11 ¹¹ **On the way to Jerusalem Jesus^d** was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee.

18:31 ³¹ Then he took the twelve aside and said to them, “See, **we are going up to Jerusalem,** and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished.

19:28 ²⁸ After he had said this, he went on ahead, **going up to Jerusalem.**

In Isaiah 50:7 it is referenced that the suffering servant will set his face like flint towards His sacrifice. This is same section as Isaiah 61 from Luke 4.

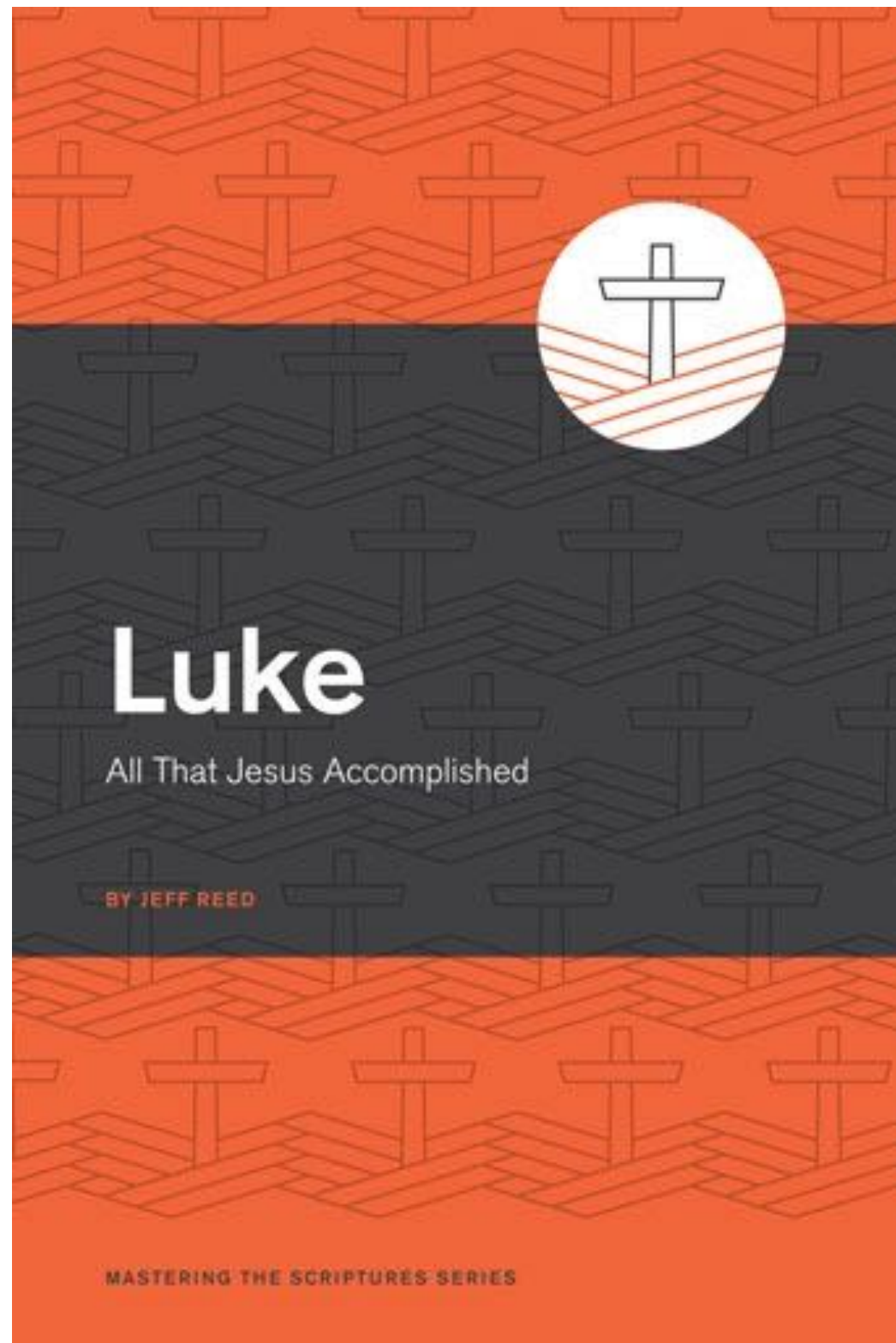


Luke: The Plan, Phase 2

Acts builds on Luke, the literary outline of Acts shows Christ's plan of witnesses starting in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and then the ends of the earth. There are 6 sections, showing the expansion and establishment of the church, each ending with a literary marker. As stated in Luke 1, these are design to be catechetical for all future missionary enterprises.

Mark and Matthew, in their kerygmatic literary outline have great commissions statements at the end, Luke write all of volume 2, Acts, as a great commission.

Luke not only narrates the actual unfolding of the plan, but he embeds a set of principles to guide all future generations who would continue the mission. The principles how how to build carefully on the foundation laid by the apostles. So we can know the plan and know how to build with it, according to what Roland Allen calls "The Way of Christ and His Apostles"

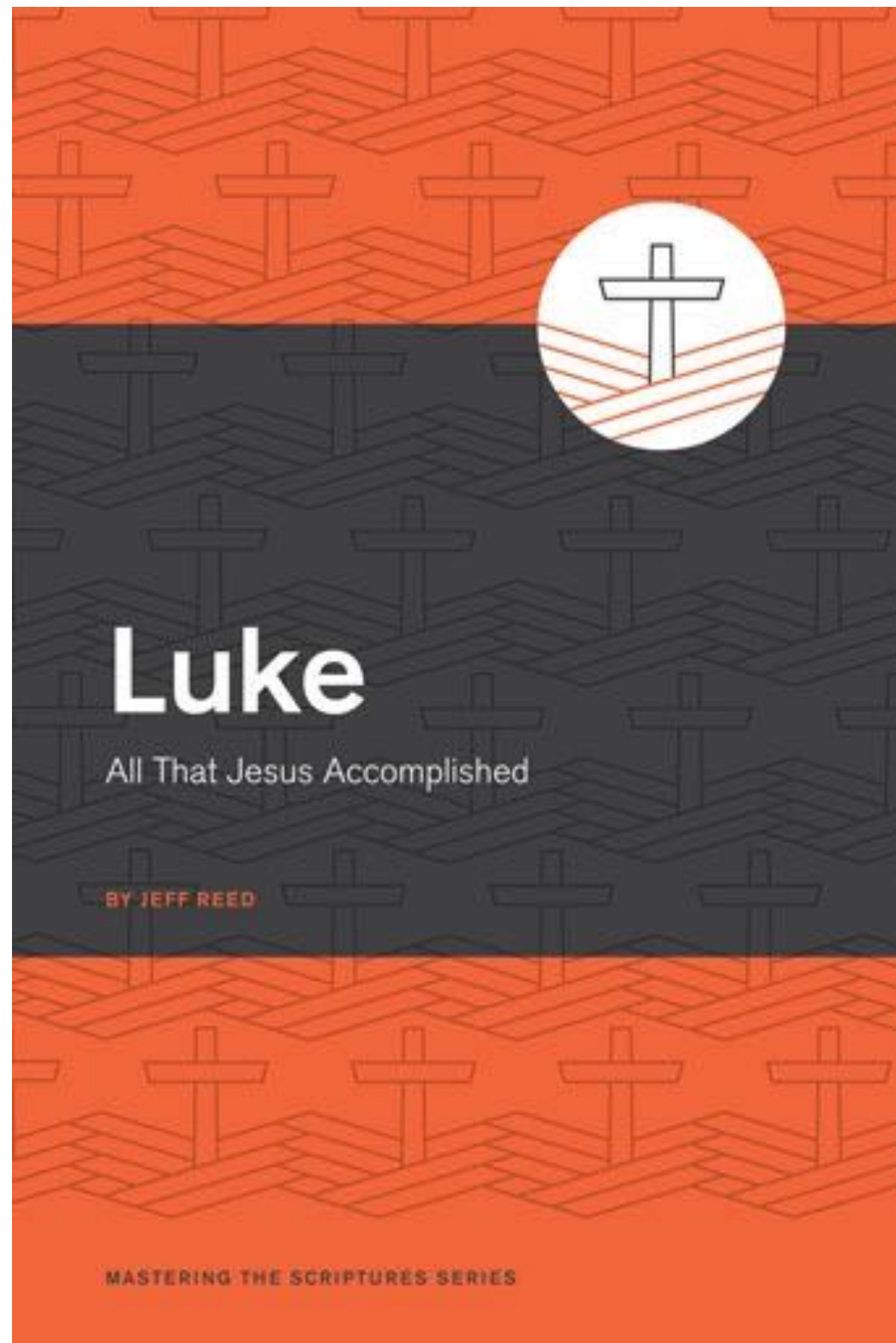


Luke: The Plan, Phase 2

Acts 1:8-6:7 - establishment of the church in Jerusalem - see Acts 2:22-24

Acts 6:8-9:31 - establishment of the church in Judea and Samaria - see Acts 8:14-17

Acts 9:32-28:31 - establishment of the church to the ends of the earth - see Acts 10:34-35



Luke: The Plan, Phase 2

6:7 The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

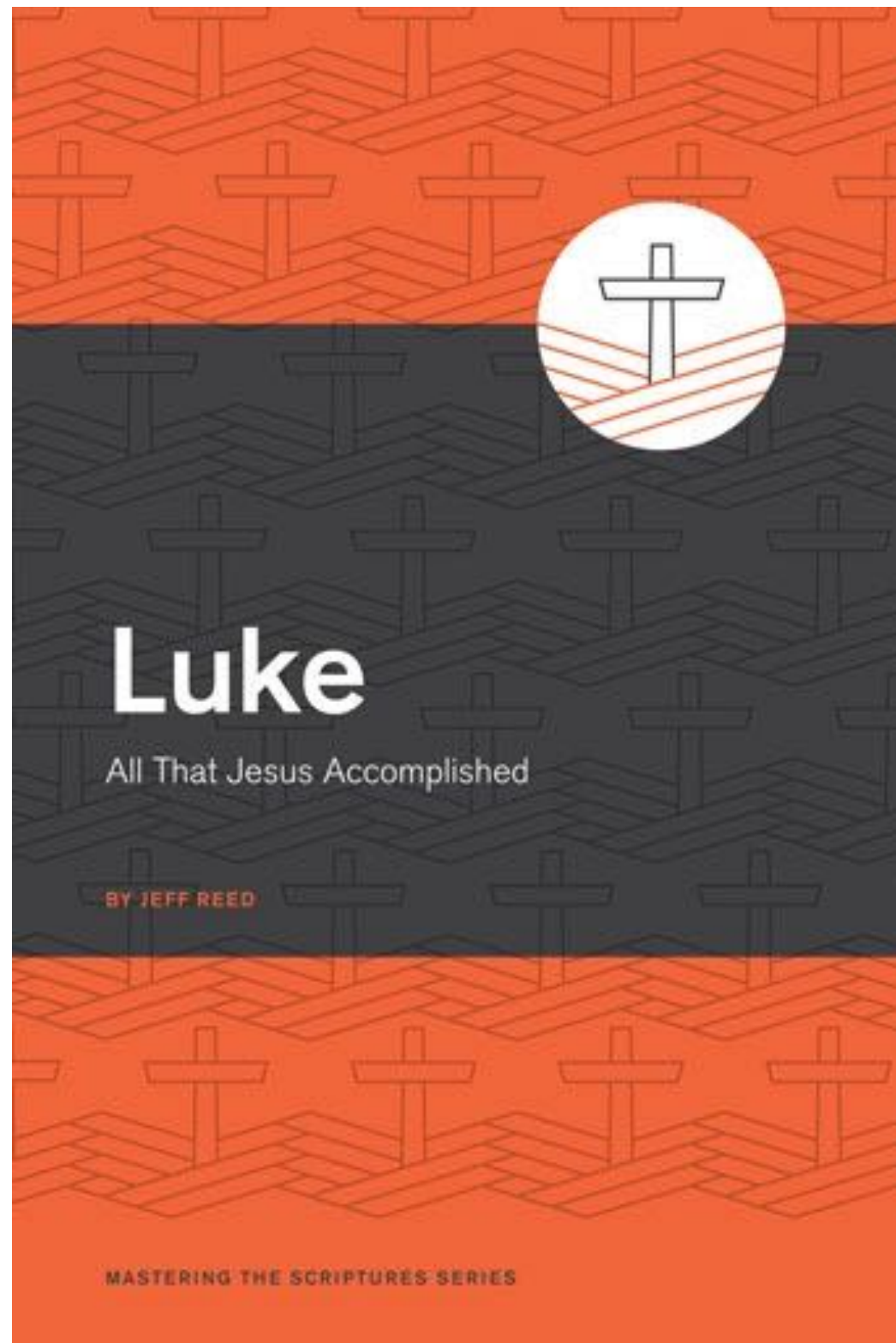
9:31 Meanwhile the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and was built up. Living in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers

12:27 But the word of God continued to advance and gain adherents.

16:5 So the churches were strengthened in the faith and increased in numbers daily.

19:20 So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.

28:30-31 He lived there two whole years at his own expense^f and welcomed all who came to him, ³¹proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

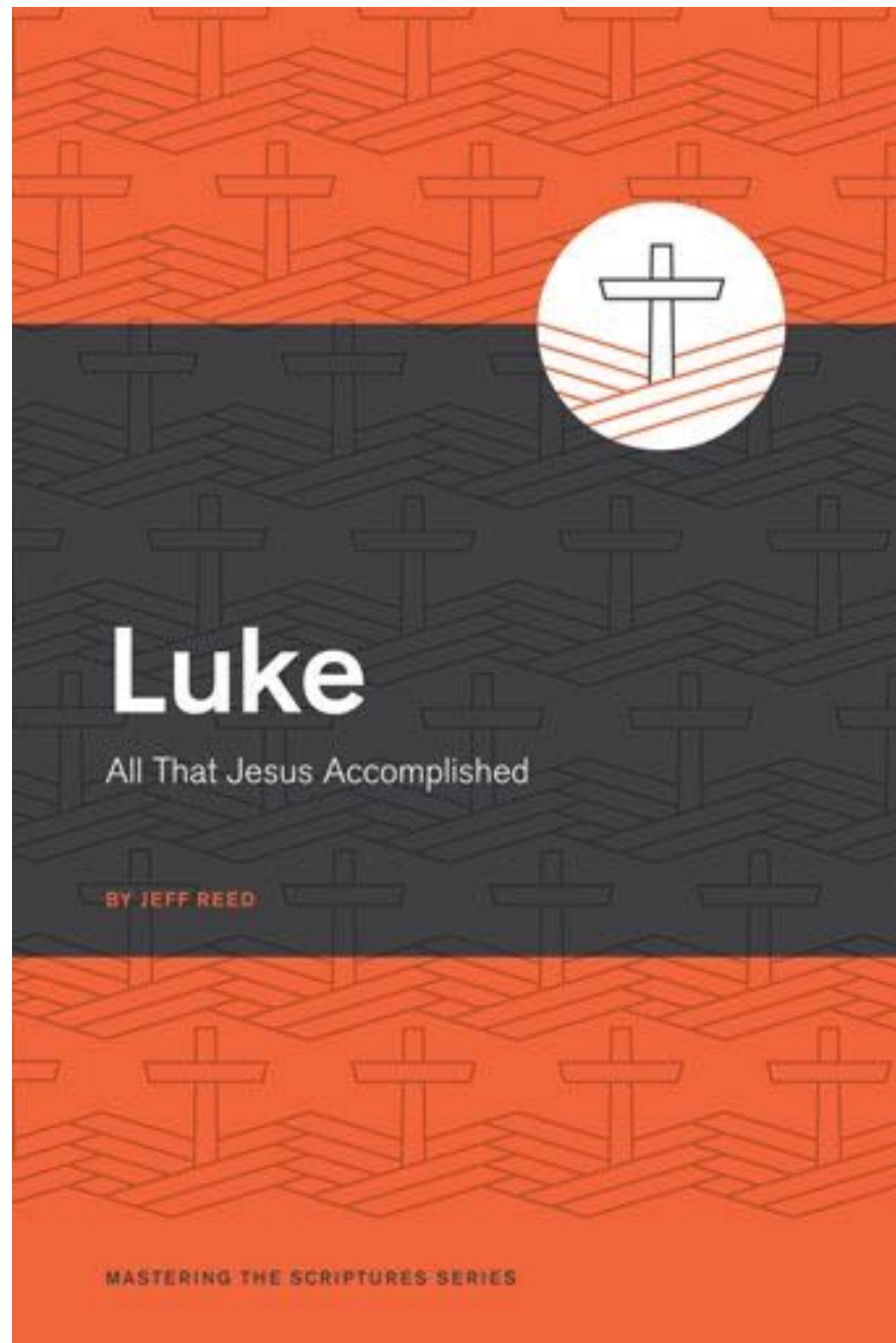


The Spontaneous Expansion of the Church

As clearly seen throughout Luke-Acts, especially by the six progress markers in Acts, Luke intention and Christ's plan is that through the expansion of the church the gospel will go to the ends of the earth, until He comes again.

..not just people getting saved and then doing experiential bible studies so that their personal relationship with Jesus is better...

Why is it that accomplished professionals in our culture, can be masters of their trade, and yet attend church services and Sunday school for 30 years and still be babes in their biblical understand?



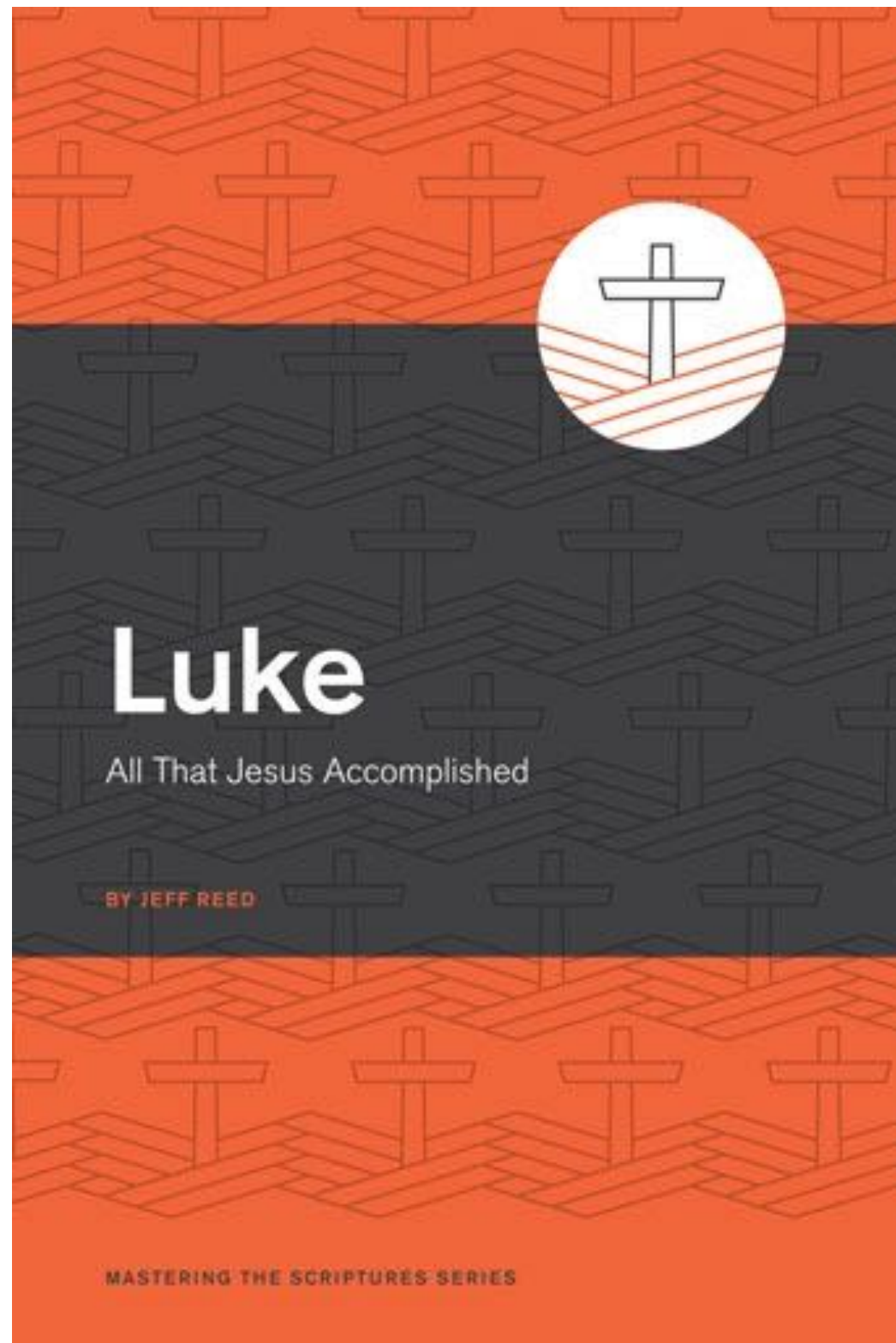
The Spontaneous Expansion of the Church

6:7 The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Progress report #1 - Word of God kept spreading, essentially because of Peter's kerygmatic message.

9:31 Meanwhile the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and was built up. Living in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers

Progress report #2 - It is the church that continues the increase, the church while expanding is being built up



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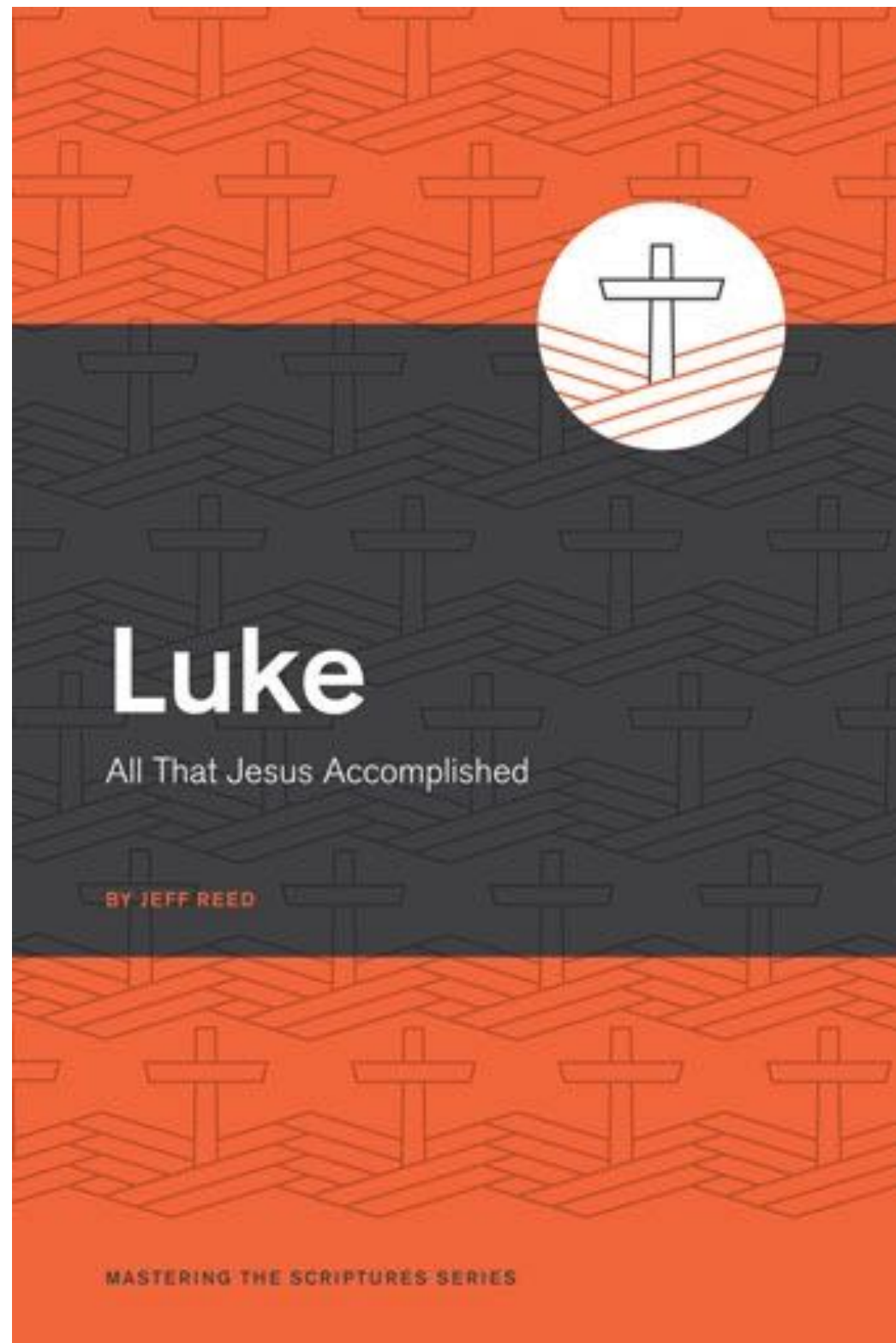
Progress report #3 - nothing new is added, but emphasis on growing and multiplying, it was spontaneous expansion

16:5 So the churches were strengthened in the faith and increased in numbers daily.

Progress report #4 - It is add here that the churches are being strengthened, that is the same word Paul used often as established, steridzo. We also see that the churches were multiplying and increasing.

19:20 So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.

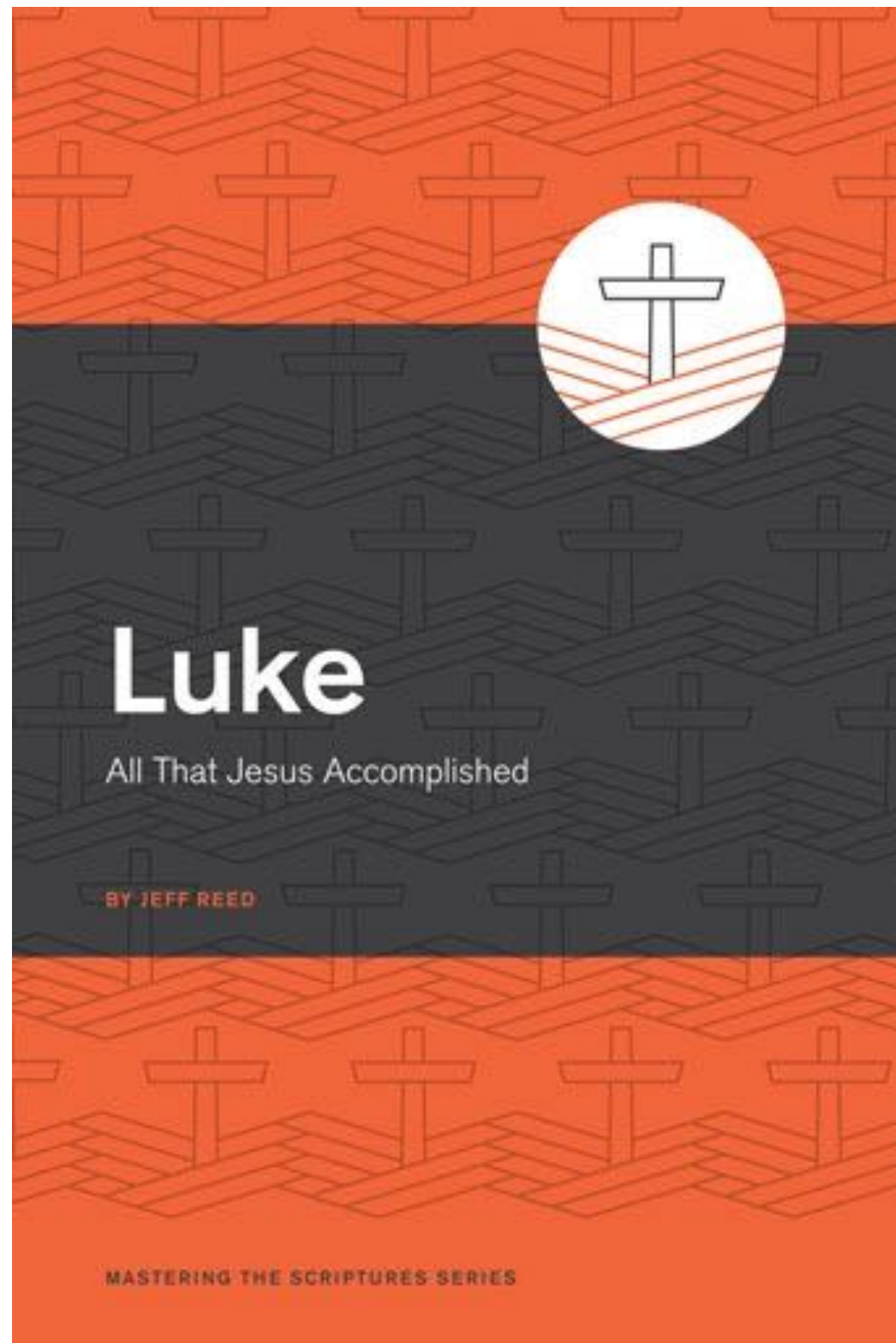
Progress report #5 - Word of the Lord which is the kerygmatic message, growing with might and force. Paul was responsible here for a lot of the strong and healthy expansion which Paul wrote much about in his early letters.



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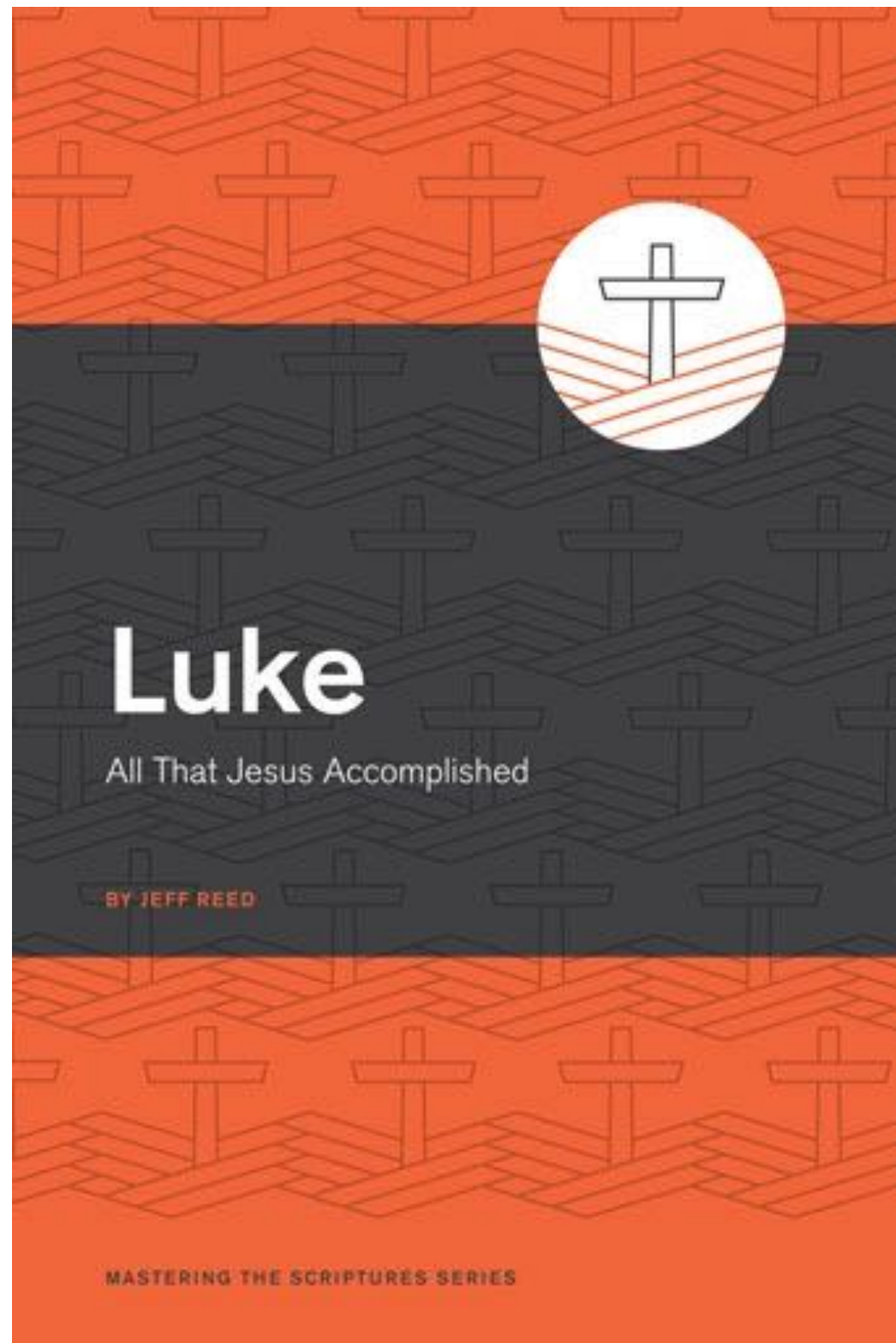
Progress report #6 - The ending is open ended and it involves Paul. He was doing two main things - preaching (kerygma) the kingdom of God and teaching concerning Jesus



The Spontaneous Expansion of the Church

Summary from progress markers

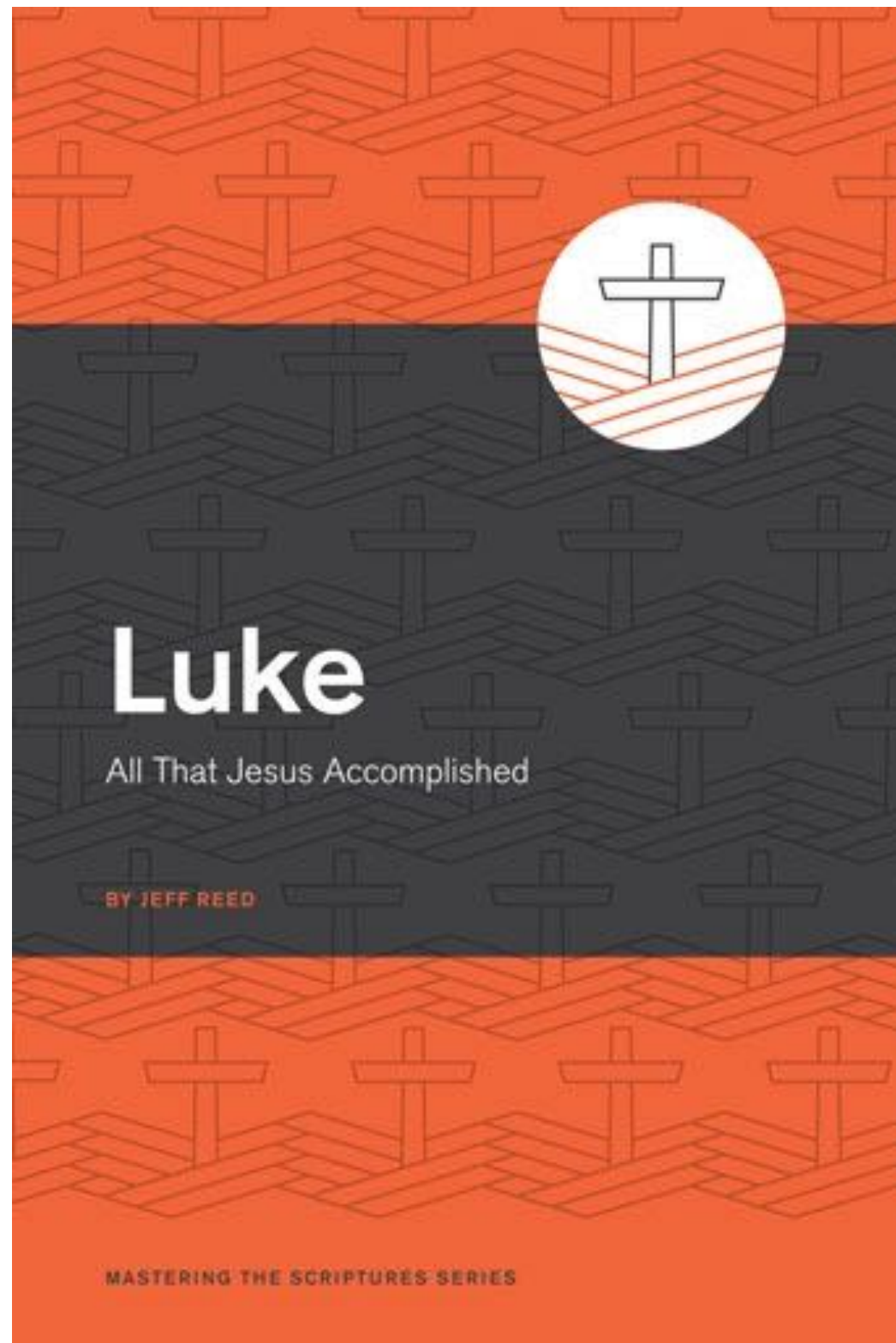
- The gospel progress as Jesus said it would - according to plan
- The Church was solidified and multiplied, the multiplication of the churches was great
- The expansion was due to the work of the Lord and the Spirit, the sense one gets is that it was spontaneous
- Paul was key, as seen in the last summary
- The churches were strong, healthy and competent



The Spontaneous Expansion of the Church

Summary of framework narratives

- Paul shaped the expansion by evangelizing key cities, establishing churches and entrusting them to key leaders
 - He continue to go to new regions
 - He built and utilized a team of coworkers that established and expanded the churches
 - His strategy was in context of following the Spirit that was opening and closing fields and was under the assumption that as key churches were established with recognized leadership, they would spontaneously expand.
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- Apostolic teams sent out by churches will evangelize cities, form churches and appoint leaders
 - these teams will continue to strengthen churches and train future leaders
 - these teams assume that the new churches when established with leader will continue to spontaneously expand

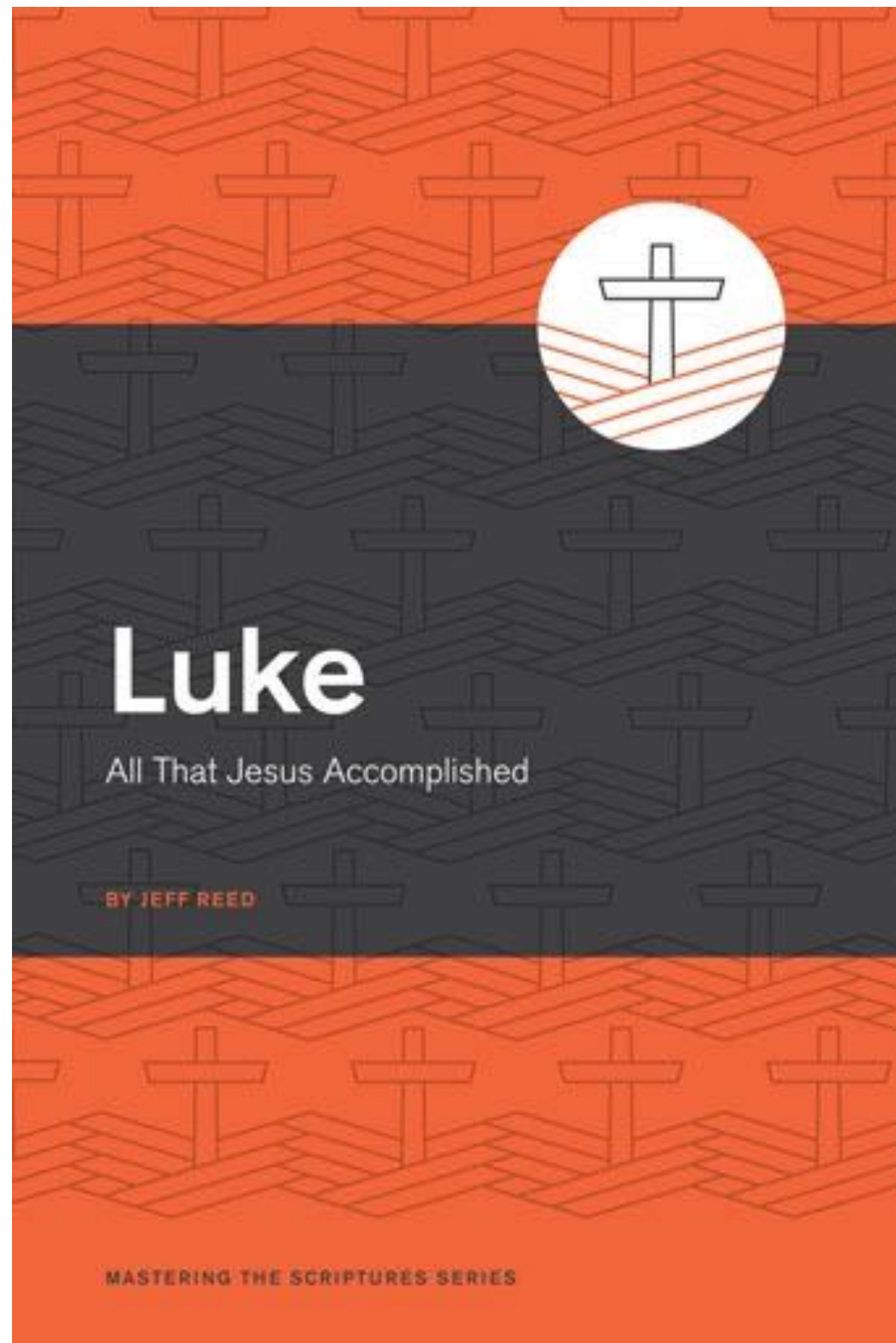


What is BILD? What is Ames DSM CityChurch?

Why can't you just be more like every other church? Why?

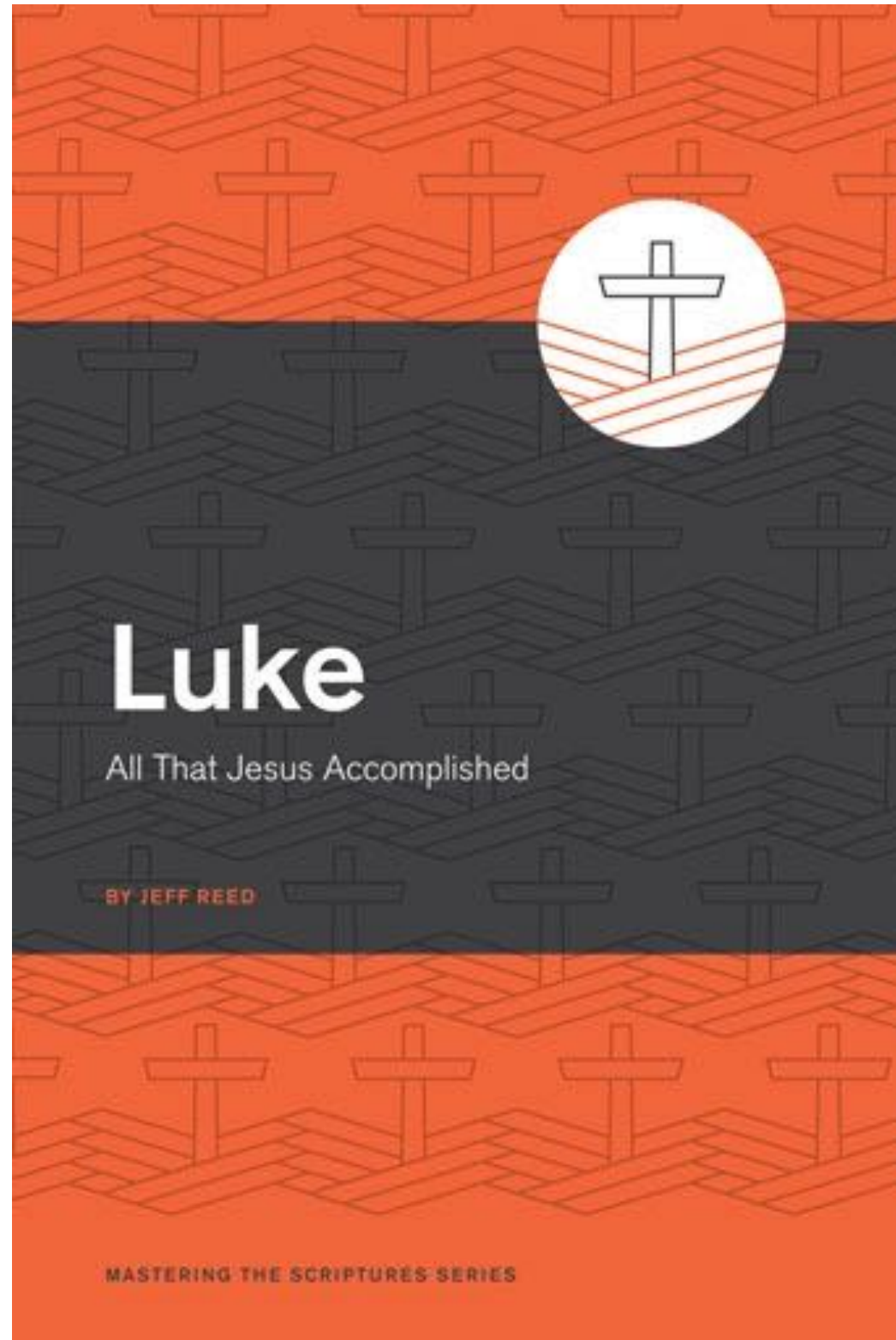
...good God what a wretchedness I have seen, the church leaders are wholly unfit for teaching...this remains true today.

BILD, as an apostolic team sent out from the Ames DSM CityChurch, is a leadership training team with tools to work with church networks in training all their people in the scriptures.



Implications for our work today

- The progress of the gospel is directly tied to the multiplication of churches
- Churches must be initially established so they are in a position to spontaneously expand
- As they spontaneously expand, they be allowed to form their own network.
- They should see themselves as part of the larger church and respect he leaders who brought them the gospel as they continue to mature and multiply
- Apostolic leaders must be careful not to exercise authority beyond their sphere of ministry



<https://bild.org/network/complex-apostolic-network>