



I. Introduction/Review

- A. This series is to help give us some one-line answers about our _____.
- B. Peter says “be prepared to defend your _____ and confidence in Christ.”
- C. Our response: I believe Jesus died for my sin and rose from the _____.

II. Misconceptions About Scripture

- A. Many people walk away from Christianity because someone points out something contradictory or historically inaccurate about the _____.
- B. Christians should take the Old Testament seriously because _____ did.
- C. The gospels are considered _____ because of who wrote them and when they were written.

III. Reliability of the Gospels

- A. The Gospels were all written while there were many eye _____ to the events of Jesus' life.
- B. Historians tell us that a _____ can't develop until the eye witnesses are dead.
- C. I believe Jesus died for my sins and rose from the dead because of the _____ of Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Peter, James and Paul.

Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message



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INTRODUCTION

If you're a Christian, be prepared to defend your decision to follow Christ. Be prepared to defend your hope or confidence in Christ. You believe that Jesus died for your sins and rose from the grave. That's amazing! But you don't have to believe it because the Bible says so. It's better than that.

Monday: John 6:53-70

John tells us of a time when a number of disciples turned back and no longer followed him. Do you know someone who walked away from his or her faith? If so, what caused that person to change what he or she believed?

Tuesday: John 20:24-29

After the death of Jesus, all the apostles lost faith. However, when they saw Jesus alive everything changed. Think about your own faith journey. How has your faith—your view of God, Jesus, and the Bible—changed? What people and circumstances influenced these changes?

Wednesday: Deuteronomy 7:1-2; 20:16-18

In these passages, God commands the Israelites to kill every man woman and child. This does not appear to reconcile with Jesus' message. (We will look at this dilemma in a January 2022 sermon series). Has there ever been a time when something you read in the Bible seemed to conflict with something you believed about the world? Were you able to resolve that tension? If so, how?

Thursday: I Corinthians 15:12-18

Paul makes it clear that the foundation of our faith is the resurrection of Jesus. During the message, Pastor Eric said, "Life causes us to doubt. But the foundation of your faith is not your personal experience." To what extent is your faith currently based on personal experience? What are some practical things you can do to begin to reorient your faith toward Jesus?

Friday: Matthew 16:13-18

Jesus asked the disciples, and he asks us, "who do you say that I am?" Last week you were given the assignment of beginning to craft a simple statement that answers the question, "Why are you a follower of Jesus?" How did it go? How will this week's message help you to refine that statement?

MOVING FORWARD

Life causes us to doubt. But the foundation of your faith is not your personal experience. It's better than that. We take the Old Testament seriously because Jesus did. We take Jesus seriously because of the resurrection. We take the resurrection seriously because Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Peter, Paul, and James took it seriously.

*Answers to the sermon notes: IA) faith, B) hope, C) dead. IIA) Bible, B) Jesus, C) reliable.
IIIA) witnesses, B) myth, C) testimony.*