



Real Jesus

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Memory verse:

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about which you have been instructed.

Luke 1:4

Study 1: Life and birth of Jesus

Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, ² just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. ³ With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

Luke 1:1-3

1. What jumps out at you as you read this opening to the book of Luke?

2. Why has Luke written this account of Jesus life?

3. Who did he get his information from?

Read 2 Peter 1:16-21

4. What claims does Peter make about the source of the Gospel message?

5. Where does the message about God originate?

6. Why should Peter's audience trust him?

7. In what was are we likely to doubt the word of God?

8. Where do Peter and Luke get their confidence from?
9. How does God's word show us we can be confident in its accuracy?
10. How might we answer people who think the bible was made up?
11. What are your final thoughts about the confidence Peter and Luke have in the Gospel story?

**Study 4:
The point of Jesus**

Read Col 1:15-23

1. What are your initial thoughts, questions, and impressions of this passage?
2. Who is “he” in verse 15?
3. What is Jesus’ role in creation?
4. Why is Jesus given the “first place in everything”?
5. What does Paul want us to know about Jesus?
6. What did Jesus achieve on the Cross?
7. What did that mean for us?
8. Does Paul leave room for salvation outside of Jesus?

4. How does Jesus respond to Peter’s objection?’
5. Jesus does this to explain what is about to happen.
6. What does this episode show us about the cross?
7. Why is Jesus so strong in his response in verse 9?
8. Which verse best summarises the point of this episode?
9. How might we resist Jesus offering to clean us?
10. How does Jesus’ use of power inform how we should use our power?

**Study 3:
Resurrection of Jesus**

Read 1 Cor 15: 1-28.

1. What are your first impressions, thoughts, and questions about the passage?
2. What does Paul say is most important?
3. Was the resurrection a hidden event or an open one?
4. How does Paul connect Jesus' resurrection with ours?
5. How does Paul consider Jesus to be like Adam?
6. What are the consequences if the resurrection didn't happen?
7. What are the results of the resurrection?
8. How would you summarise the Gospel? How similar is it to Paul's summary?

9. How can we be sure the resurrection actually happened?
10. Which verse best summarises this passage?