



Asbury Church

THE
BIBLE
for
GROWN-UPS

NOVEMBER 3, 2019
SERMON NOTES
"LAST THINGS FIRST"
LUKE 1:1-4

I. Introduction

- A. If you don't know the story **of** the _____, it's easy to discount the stories **in** the Bible.
- B. Some people have a difficult time _____ what they find in the Bible with the reality of their lives.

II. The written accounts of Jesus' life

- A. _____ wrote an orderly account of the events of the life of Jesus based upon eye witness accounts.
- B. _____ received his information on the life of Jesus from Peter.
- C. _____ wrote his account of Jesus' life to convince a Jewish audience that Jesus was the long awaited messiah.
- D. _____ wrote his Gospel so that we would believe that Jesus was God's son.

III. Valuable, reliable, sacred, and inspired.

- A. From the beginning, these four documents (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) were considered _____, reliable, sacred and inspired.
- B. _____ were blamed for just about everything that went bad in the Roman Empire.
- C. The early Christians risked and lost their _____ protecting fragments of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

Things I would like to remember about this message:

Asbury Daily Study Guide

INTRODUCTION

Most of us know some Bible stories, but very few of us know the story of the Bible. And you may be surprised to discover it's a story that doesn't actually begin in the beginning. It begins with the accounts of a few men who sat down to record the death and resurrection of Jesus. It begins with the words of his followers who were compelled to document the events that had changed everything for them – because they knew it could change everything for us.

Monday: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

In this first century letter to Timothy, we are reminded that all scripture is inspired by God. How were you first introduced to the Bible? What people and ideas do you associate with that time?

Tuesday: Luke 1:1-4

In this opening section of Luke's document on the life of Jesus, he describes his purpose for writing his account. How does Luke describe his purpose? Why do you think it was unusual in ancient times for many people to write about the same event?

Wednesday: John 20:30-31

How does John describe his purpose for writing? What do you think John meant by "have life in his name"?

Thursday: Luke 22:54-62

After Jesus' arrest Peter unfollows Jesus and denies that he even knows him. It's possible you know someone who left the faith because of something in the Bible. What do you think it is about the Bible that causes people to leave the faith?

Friday: John 3:16-21

If John's account of Jesus' life was all that you had, what would change about how you approach Jesus and encourage others to move towards him?

MOVING FORWARD

Many of us carried our childhood understanding of the Bible into adulthood. Faced with questions we couldn't answer and doubts we couldn't ignore, we walked away. If that's your story, there's another approach – one that John offers in his personal account of the life of Jesus. And if this account were all that we had, it would be enough. This week, approach your faith in a new way by reading John's account of Jesus' life as though it was the only scripture you had.

Answers to the sermon notes:

- IA) Bible, B) reconciling.
- IIA) Luke, B) Mark, C) Matthew, D) John.
- IIIA) valuable, B) Christians, C) lives.