



January 4th, 2014 Bible Verses – Luke 1:1-4 Searching for the “Historical” Jesus

Day	Read	Theme
MONDAY 1.5.15	1 John 1:1-5	What we have seen and heard
TUESDAY 1.6.15	Luke 1:1-4	What the original eyewitnesses gave us
WEDNESDAY 1.7.15	Acts 2:22-33	We are all witnesses to that fact
THURSDAY 1.8.15	Acts 10:34-43	We are witnesses of everything he did
FRIDAY 1.9.15	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Most of them are still alive to this day
SATURDAY 1.10.15	Hebrews 1:1-3	The imprint of God’s being

Monday – Prayer: God, sometimes I think of Jesus as a kind of unreal, idealized figure. Guide me as I study and reflect on the witness of people who said they actually knew Jesus as a real man. Amen

Tuesday – We are fortunate to have eyewitness accounts of what happened in Jesus day in the Gospel of Luke – what do you think will be written about Christians in the time period we are in now? What do you think an autobiographer would say about your life?

Wednesday – Peter anchored his beliefs about Jesus firmly in specific historical facts (“you yourselves know this”—verse 22, and “we are all witnesses”—verse 33). Does it seem likely to you that the Christian faith could have spread throughout a hostile Roman empire if Rome could have easily shown that its claims were false?

Thursday – One important way Rome demanded that citizens in its empire show their allegiance was to say, formally, “Caesar is Lord.” Picture the scene as Peter declared to this group of Roman soldiers, “This is the message of peace he sent to the Israelites by proclaiming the good news through Jesus Christ: He is Lord of all!” (verse 36) What “lords” has Jesus challenged and dethroned in your life?

Friday – As the apostle Paul moved farther and farther into the Greco - Roman world, he spoke with Greek philosophers who found the idea of resurrection from the dead absurd (see Acts 17:32) What difference would it make if Jesus was NOT resurrected?

Saturday – Prayer: Lord Jesus, sometimes I find faith easy, but sometimes I find it hard. I ask you to be present with me, to help me discern how I can find the reality of you amid all of the claims and confusion that surround your story. Amen.

January 11th Matthew 9:35-36 & Luke 19:1-10 The Humanity of Jesus