



The Week of January 15, 2023 Did Jesus Have an Address? Conversation Guide

Take-Aways

- **What we should believe:**
 - **About Christ:** (Hebrews 1:1-4) I believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God who became man, lived a perfect life, died for sinners, rose from the dead and now reigns at the right hand of the Father.
- **What we should become:**
 - **Peace:** (Philippians 4:4-7) I enjoy peace with God as I become more confident in God's grace and experience His presence in my life. I enjoy peace with others as engage in biblically healthy relationships with them. I seek to deal rightly with those who have wronged or offended me as I pursue peace with them.
- **How we should behave:**
 - **I am Confident:** (1 Peter 1:3-5) Because my hope for the future is placed on the steadfastness of God and the trustworthiness of his promises, I live with confidence.

Intro Questions

- How can you prove you are you?
- Have you ever done genealogical research? What kind of documents did you encounter tracking down family (prior to DNA testing)?
 - Do we have that type of evidence for Jesus's existence? What evidence do we have?

How Do We Know Jesus Was Real

Luke 1:1–4

Many have undertaken to compile a narrative about the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as the original eyewitnesses and servants of the word handed them down to us. So it also seemed good to me, since I have carefully investigated everything from the very first, to write to you in an orderly sequence, most honorable Theophilus, so that you may know the certainty of the things about which you have been instructed.

- What was Luke's motivation in writing the book of Luke to his friend Theophilus?
- What was Luke's profession (see Colossians 4:14)? How does knowing his profession affect the weight of his testimony?
- When did Luke write his account?

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Now I want to make clear for you, brothers and sisters, the gospel I preached to you, which you received, on which you have taken your stand and by which you are being saved, if you hold to the message I preached to you – unless you believed in vain. For I passed on to you as most important what I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. Then he appeared to over five hundred brothers and sisters at one time; most of them are still alive, but some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one born at the wrong time, he also appeared to me.

- What evidence did Paul give for the reality of Jesus's resurrection?
- Why was it important that Paul mentioned the 500 Jesus appeared to and that many of them were still alive?

When questioning your faith or talking to someone who is, it can be difficult to point ourselves/them to the Bible as evidence- we/they are doubting that after all! Here are some resources that show historical evidence that Jesus was a real man, and how the lives of those around Him can help prove His existence and truth.

Split up this list and have members of your group look at the articles listed (some can be read in full in just a few minutes, others may have to be skimmed for now and then looked at in depth later). Have them share what they learned. How can this evidence help strengthen our assurance that Jesus is who the Bible says He is?

- gotquestions.org/is-Jesus-real.html
- gotquestions.org/real-historical-Jesus.html
- logos.com/grow/why-did-jesus-appear-to-the-women-instead-of-the-disciples/

- christianity.com/church/church-history/timeline/1-300/whatever-happened-to-the-twelve-apostles-11629558.html
- coldcasechristianity.com/category/videos/
- gotquestions.org/prophecies-of-Jesus.html

Next Steps

- Check out The Case for Christ on RightNow Media: app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/403633
- Check out the Processing Doubt group with Pastor David. Wednesdays, 6:30pm, in Room 205 (upstairs in the gym).
- One of the best ways to strengthen and grow your faith is by faithfully reading His word-the Bible!
 - Create your own plan for daily Bible reading and implement it.
 - Join the Celebration family and read through the book of Luke during the Processing Doubt series (<https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/87>)
 - Search the YouVersion Bible App for a “Through the Bible” reading plan and commit now to read through the entire bible.