



Series Summary

It took thousands of years, several different languages, and an untold number of authors to write the books and letters that would become the Bible. So, with all these people composing the collection of books, how could it possibly be cohesive? How could it actually tell one story? The only answer is that the authors were not working alone, but God himself guided their hands as these passages and stories were compiled. So, for the next few weeks, we are going to look at the Bible—not as a dusty collection of books, but as God’s message to humanity.

Question from stage

Each leader is going to tell you about an event he or she witnessed in the past. One of them is lying. Try to figure out who is not telling the truth.

Discussion Guide

1. Do you think most Transit aged kids think Jesus was a real person? Why not?
2. What part of Jesus’ life do you find hardest to believe?
3. If you were a door-to-door Bible salesman, why would you tell someone it was important to read the Bible?
4. Can anyone tell us what all the words and numbers in a Scripture reference mean?
5. Does anyone know where the book of Acts falls in the timeline of Christian history? (After Jesus’ time on earth as the church started)
6. Of the 12 original apostles, how many of them lived into old age? (John) Yet, none of them denied their faith. What does that tell us about what they believed?
7. While you probably won’t be killed or beaten for your beliefs, do you ever feel funny telling someone you’re a Christian? Why do you think that is?
8. Were the stories about Jesus written by men who were mistaken or making it up, or were they true?
9. How does knowing Jesus was a real person change how someone might view the Bible?

Bottom Line

- Jesus was a real person.

Scripture - Acts 5:27-32, 40

The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood." Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings! The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

His speech persuaded them. They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.