

Sunday School Lesson Discussion Questions

Discussion Questions on the Sunday School Lesson, Sources of Our Knowledge of Jesus, for Sunday, January 9.

- How is truth made convincing?
- What constitutes a reliable witness?
- What evidence is there that the writers of the New Testament told the truth about Christ?
- What makes the New Testament the greatest book ever written?
- Why is the Bible not read more?

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Creamed Comments On S.S. Lesson

Creamed Comments on the Sunday School Lesson, Sources of Our Knowledge of Jesus, Luke 1:1-4; John 20:30, 31; 21:25; 1 Corinthians 15:3-5; 1 John 1:1-4; for Sunday, January 9.

One needs assurance that the facts about Jesus are authentic in order that his Christian faith is well founded and he can act with a feeling of confidence that his life is acceptable to God.

V.1. "Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us." Before Luke wrote, there were written narratives concerning Christ. Having been closely associated with Peter, Luke could write with authority concerning essentials about Christ.

V.2. "Even as they delivered them unto us which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word." Evidently there were writers who were eyewitnesses that furnished helpful material to Luke for the writing of his gospel.

V.3. "That he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures." Paul based much of his preaching on the resurrection of Christ. Well he might do this, for no other founder of any religion was buried and rose again.

V.5. "That he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve." Paul refers his reader to eyewitnesses, such as Peter and the other disciples. Good witnesses are those who know by having seen facts. Hearsay does not convince any one of truths.

V.1. "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life." Jesus is the Word of life, and John knew him from the first of his ministry. His association with him was most intimate so that what he was about to write was authentic.

V.3. "That which we have seen and heard, we declare unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ." John has a purpose for writing his gospel; he knows the meaning of having fellowship with God and Christ, and yearns that others may enjoy the same experience.

V.4. "And these things we write unto you, that your joy may be full." The only life that has real joy — joy that is full — is that of a truly consecrated follower of the Lord. People as a whole need to be convinced of the truths about Christ till they are convicted of sin and converted to Christ.

V.30. "And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book." Jesus' miracles were signs of the true Messiah and it is helpful to know that Jesus performed many miracles not recorded in the gospels. It seemed good that enough of these signs were written that would stabilize any believer.

V.31. "And these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." Belief that Jesus is the Son of God must pre-

cede the faith which brings spiritual life through his name.

V.25. "And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written." This is a hyperbole but we are impressed with the vast number of deeds and saying that are unrecorded. Here is an unlimited source of knowledge about Christ.

V.3. "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures." Paul presumes that his hearers have heard about Jesus. His concern is that, having heard about him, they believe great vital truths about him.

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Clericus Says:

Clericus says: "No books coming down from antiquity carry with them so much authority as do the books of the Bible, and especially those of the New Testament. They constitute the authority for Christian belief. They tell us all we know about Jesus, and while what they tell us is not great in extent, they tell us enough to disclose to us God's will concerning us, his desire to save our souls, and the moral standards by which he would have us live."

Book Review

The Travels and Adventures of St. Paul, by Howard P. Young, W. A. Wilde Co., enables one to become acquainted with a life that was one of the memorable dramas of history. While it is true biography, it reads like a story. So colorful is the narrative that Paul and his associates and his experiences are sure to become an enduring influence in the reader's thoughts.

Laboratory measurements do not determine reliably when the active phase of rheumatic carditis in children has passed.

Lesson prayer: We are grateful for the true light of truth regarding Christ about which there can not be a shadow of doubt. Forgive us for failure to take seriously Christ as presented by his word. Want that there may be an awakening to the point of believing these precious truths and incorporate them in our lives.

The chief characteristics of God's church are:

Purity — Unity — and Power.

One Fold John 10:16.

One Body Rom. 12:4, 5.

One Way Jer. 32:38-39.

One Heart Acts 1:32.

One Accord Acts 2:1.

One Faith Eph. 4:5.

One Mind 1 Cor. 1:10.

One Doctrine 2 Tim. 3:16-17.

One Baptism Eph. 4:5.

One Name Eph. 3:14-15.

One Spirit 1 Cor. 6:17.

One Door of Entrance John 10:7.

One Head Eph. 5:23.

The Bible says, "A Christian experience makes you a member of the Church of God." Acts 2:47.

"A Christian welcome to all."

"Christians Go To Church."

Trinity

Evangelical United Brethren

John E. Chambers, minister

9:15 a.m. Sunday school; Chalmers Barkley, superintendent. Lesson study: "Sources of Our Knowledge of Jesus."

10:30 a.m. Divine Worship. The Senior Choir, under the direction of Mr. Leland Neuen, will sing the anthem, "Ring the Bells of Heaven" by Root. Mr. Harold Mumma will be the organist. The message by the minister will be "The Tree of Christ's Church."

6:30 p.m. The Christian Endeavor societies.

7:30 p.m. The Evening Service of

the Church.

Wednesday

10:30 a.m. The Union Leadership Training School.

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