

## WHY TAKE THE BIBLE SERIOUSLY?

LUKE 4:1-13

### Introduction – How do people see the Bible?

*We believe that the Bible is the written Word of God, and that a foundation of biblical truth must be laid in every area of our ministry, and for every aspect of our individual lives. Therefore we emphasize Bible preaching, Bible teaching, and both personal and group Bible study in our life together. We believe that when the Bible is accurately understood and faithfully applied, in the power of the Holy Spirit, people's lives are changed.*

- *Ezra 7:10; Acts 17:11*

### I. Jesus' attitude toward the Bible

A. He used the Bible to counter Satan's temptations (4:1-13)

B. He quoted from the Bible to explain his identity and his mission (4:14-21)

- *Luke 22:66-71*

C. He referred to people and events as historical facts (4:22-30)

D. He grounded his actions in biblical principles

- *Luke 6:1-11; 13:10-17*

E. His teaching was consistent with biblical revelation

- *Matthew 5:17,18*

F. He saw his sufferings, his death and his resurrection as a fulfillment of biblical prophecies

- *Luke 9:21,22; 18:31-33; 22:37; 24:25-27,44-48*
- *John 5:39,40*

### II. Answering Objections to the Bible

A. Reliable manuscripts

B. Eyewitness testimony

C. Amazing unity

D. Fulfilled prophecy

E. Positive life changes

### III. People of history who have come to rely on the Bible

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

OCTOBER 13-19

### Follow-throughs

The readings this week are selected from passages in Luke where Jesus refers to the Scriptures. What do these passages show about the confidence Jesus had in the written Word of God? In what ways was his own life and message a fulfillment of the Word of God?

Ask the Lord to deepen your confidence in the Word of God, and to give you opportunities this week to share principles from the Word of God with someone who knows Jesus, as well as someone who doesn't.

**Monday**                      **Luke 6:1-11**

**Tuesday**                     **Luke 7:1-35**

**Wednesday**                **Luke 9:18-27; 11:29-32**

**Thursday**                    **Luke 18:15-34**

**Friday**                        **Luke 20:1-47**

### Warm-ups

**Saturday**                    **Acts 16:1-5; II Timothy 1:1-7; 3:10-15**

What do these verses tell you about Timothy's background and upbringing? Pray today for the families in our congregation who have young children. Pray for our children's workers as they prepare to share the Word of God in their Sunday School classes tomorrow.

**Sunday**                        **II Timothy 3:16,17**

What are some benefits that come from exposure to God's Word? Pray that the preaching and teaching of God's Word would impact your own heart strongly today.