

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible

Next Book: TBD – verse by verse

Scripture(s) for Today: Matthew 28; 2Pet 1:16 – We have not followed cunningly devised fables!

Today's Message:

“Not a Fable”



INTRODUCTION

Last week, we continued our short series on the traditions of men versus the holy Bible. We have now studied *traditions* in general, the tradition of *Lent* and *holy days*, *Good Friday*, and the history of *Easter* itself. The truth will make you free! Amen. Today, as we focus our minds on the greatest event in the history of the world, we must consider the testimonies of those closest to Jesus Christ. If there is one thread that runs through the New Testament, it is a common belief that those who followed Jesus Christ were not following a _____. The Holy Spirit knew that over time, the devil would use dreadful _____ to try to undermine the truth of what Jesus Christ did for all people. So, God took common people whose lives were changed by Jesus Christ and inspired them to write their _____ stories in a holy book.

LEARNING TOGETHER

A. The Text Matthew 28; 2 Peter 1:16; 1 John 1:1-4

#1. Defining a Fable – in the _____ days, people will choose fables over truth.

➤ **Paul said they shall turn their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.**

✓ FABLES DEFINED

- **W1828** – *A feigned story or tale, intended to instruct or amuse; fiction in general; as, the story is all a fable; idle story; falsehood; a softer term for a lie.*

✓ COMPARING SCRIPTURES

- The word “**fable**” is found **5** times in the KJB – all _____; pastoral epistles!
- **1Tim 1:4** – *“Neither give heed to **fables**... rather than godly edifying...”*
- **1Tim 4:7** – *“But **refuse** profane and old wives’ **fables**... rather unto godliness.”*
- **2Tim 4:4** – *“... **turn away their ears from the truth**... shall be **turned unto fables**.”*
- **Titus 1:14** – *“**Not giving heed** to Jewish **fables**, and commandments of men, that **turn from the truth**.”*
- **2Pet 1:16** – *“For **we have not followed cunningly devised fables**, when we made known unto you **the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ**, **but were eyewitness of his majesty**.”*



NOTE What a powerful word from Peter – one of the closest disciples to our Lord! Amen.

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#2. Finding the Fables – the world is full of _____ stories that teach lies.

- **Most parents teach their children FABLES as their earliest childhood learnings.**

✓ THE FABLES

- _____ – a stranger sneaks into your house while you are sleeping and brings you gifts; he sees you sleeping; knows all about you; Satan has same letters.
- _____ – a stranger rabbit (person?) with ability to lay eggs delivers the eggs with unhealthy candy for children; he may also hide gifts in nest baskets.
- _____ – a stranger sneaks into your bedroom while you are sleeping and reaches under your sheets and pillow to swap old teeth for money; this is ok??
- _____ – once upon a time, there was a big bang. Although you can never observe this in real life, an incredible amount of perfect order came out of chaos.
- _____ are all basically the same – all “roads” lead to heaven and peace.
- _____ have different standards – mommy and daddy can sin and watch sin
- _____ is not bad – sin against God is normal; no consequences should be expected.
- _____ is not real – when a person dies, that is it; the grave is the end of life.

NOTE The Bible says at some point you must drop the fables, grow up and face the truth.

#3. Obeying the Truth – Jesus Christ is the _____ who came to make us free!

- **Jesus Christ did not come to bring religion: He came to pay the price for your sins.**

✓ COMPARING SCRIPTURES

- **2 Peter 1:16** – “For we have not followed cunningly devised fables...”
- **1 John 1:1-4** – ... which **we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes...**”
- **Matthew 28** – “...there was a great earthquake... the angel of the Lord...”
- **Mark 16:1-8** – “...when they looked, they saw that **the stone was rolled away...**”
- **Luke 24:1-12** – “...**found not the body of the Lord... He is not here, but is risen...**”
- **John 20:1-10** – “... she turned herself back, and **saw Jesus standing...**”
- **1Corin 15:1-11** – “... **he was seen of ABOVE FIVE HUNDRED brethren at once...**”
- **John 14:6** – “Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**”
- **Matthew 11:28** – “**Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.**”

NOTE We are not talking about a fable! Amen. We are talking about the Lord of glory!!!

B. The Lessons (How can you apply this message to your life?)

1. *There comes a time in life when you must face the _____ and get right with God.*

❖ **Question:** *Are you right with God? Today is the day to be saved. Repent and believe.*

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