

YOU'RE INVITED
A New Word – Part 3

ON TV: We never know what hangs in the balance of an **invitation**.

ON TV: The credibility of Christianity, and the relevance of the church rises and falls on the identity of a single individual, **Jesus of Nazareth**.

ON TV: Does God exist?

ON TV: Is the Bible true?

ON TV: Are Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John **reliable accounts of actual events** about the life and teaching of Jesus Christ?

ON TV/OUTLINE: *“1 Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, 2 just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were **eyewitnesses** and servants of **the word**. 3 Therefore, since I myself have **carefully investigated everything** from the beginning, it seemed good also to me to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, 4 so that you may know the **certainty** of the things you have been taught.” Luke 1:1-4*

ON TV: Luke is not writing the Bible.

ON TV: What should we **do**?

ON TV/OUTLINE: *“14b ...news about Him spread through the whole countryside. 15 He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised Him.” Luke 4:14b-15*

ON TV: When Jesus launched his ministry, people who were nothing like Him, **liked Him**.

ON TV/OUTLINE: *“When the sun was setting all the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them.” Luke 4:40*

ON TV: Why healing miracles?

ON TV: Luke, why do you keep putting all these crazy healing stories in your document?

ON TV: Because that's what happened.

ON TV: The focus of Jesus' ministry is not what Jesus taught. The focus of Jesus' ministry was **who He claimed to be**.

ON TV: Jesus not only has the power to overcome the consequence of sin, Jesus has the **authority to forgive sin**.

ON TV/OUTLINE: *“42 At daybreak Jesus left their home, and he went to a place to be all by himself. 43 He said, ‘I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent.’” Luke 4:42-43*

ON TV/OUTLINE: *“1 One day, as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the people crowding around him and listening to the word of God, 2 He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. 3 He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and He asked him to put out a little from shore. Then He sat down and taught the people from the boat. 4 When He finished speaking, He said to Simon, ‘Put out into the deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.’ 5 Simon answered, ‘Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. **But because you say so...**’” Luke 5:1-5a*

ON TV: “But because you say so.”

ON TV: Jesus wasn't asking Peter to believe something. He was asking him to **do** something.

ON TV/OUTLINE: "5b ...I will let down the nets." Luke 5b

ON TV/OUTLINE: "6 When they had done so..." Luke 5:6a

ON TV: Faith, the way that Jesus talks about faith, is an **active, living faith**.

ON TV/OUTLINE: "6 When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break." Luke 5:6

ON TV: Because the point of Jesus' ministry is not what he taught; it is **who** He claimed to be.

ON TV: "When Simon Peter saw this, he cried out, 'We're rich. We won't have to work for weeks.' And immediately Peter offered Jesus a three-year contract, with a 40% commission with a noncompete clause."

ON TV/OUTLINE: "When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' feet and said, 'Go away from me, Lord, because I am a sinful man!'" Luke 5:8

ON TV: God has not pulled back; God has **come near**.

ON TV/OUTLINE: "10b... Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Don't be afraid, from now on you will fish for people.' 11 So they pulled their boats up on shore, and they left everything, and followed Him." Luke 5:10-11

ON TV/OUTLINE: "23 When they hurled their insults at Him, He did not retaliate; when He suffered, He made no threats. Instead, He entrusted himself to Him, who judges justly. 24 He himself bore our sins in His body on the cross...." 1 Peter 2:23-24a

ON TV: Jesus is worth following not because of what He will do for you, but because of what **He has done** for you.