

INTRODUCTIONS

A New Word – Part 2

ON TV: If our life was a 30-second commercial, what are we **advertising**?

ON TV: What is the church advertising?

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

ON TV: Is there a God?

ON TV: Is the Bible true?

ON TV: Are Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John reliable accounts of actual events of Jesus' life?

ON TV: Why would an educated guy like Luke waste his time documenting the life of a guy named Jesus?

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..." Luke 1:1-3*

ON TV: Luke is not writing religious literature or the Bible.

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"4... so that you may know the **certainty** of the things you have been taught." Luke 1:4*

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"1 In the 15th year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch, of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene—2 during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, son of Zechariah in the desert." Luke 3:1-2*

ON TV: *"For Herod Antipas had him killed, although he was a good man, and urged the Jews to exert themselves to virtue, both as to justice toward one another and reverence towards God." --Josephus*

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"2 ...The word of God came to John, son of Zechariah in the desert. 3 He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." Luke 3:2-3*

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"7b ...You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? 8 Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham." Luke 3:7b-8*

ON TV: He is reminding us of what our lives are supposed to be advertising.

ON TV: Produce **fruit**, not belief.

ON TV: Produce fruit in keeping with what you say you believe and who you claim to believe in.

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"10 'What should we do then?' the crowd asked. 11 John answered, 'The man with two tunics should share with the one who has none. And the one who has food should do the same.'" Luke 3:10-11*

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"12 Tax collectors also came to be baptized. 'Teacher,' they asked, 'What should we do?' '13 Don't collect any more than you're required to..." John 3:12-13*

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"14 Then some soldiers asked him, 'And what should we do?' He replied, 'Don't extort money and don't accuse people falsely--be content with your pay.'" Luke 3:14*

ON TV/OUTLINE: “25 Jesus told them, ‘In this world the kings and great men lord it over people, yet they are called, ‘friends of the people.’ 26 *But among you it will be different. Those who are the greatest among you should take the lowest rank, and the leader should be like a servant.* 27 Who is more important, the one who sits at the table or the one who serves? The one who sits at the table, of course. But not here! *For I am among you as one who serves.*” Luke 22:25-27

ON TV/OUTLINE: “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and *to give his life as a ransom for many.*” Matthew 20:28

ON TV/OUTLINE: “15 The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Christ. 16 John answered them all, ‘I baptize with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the things of whose sandals I’m not worthy to untie....’” Luke 3:15-16

ON TV: How do we **get ready**?

ON TV/OUTLINE: “13a You are the salt of the earth...14a You are the light of the world...16b...that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven.” Matthew 5:13a, - 14a, 16b

ON TV: If your life and my life is a commercial, what are we advertising?

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

ON TV: “I just want some **DEEP** Bible teaching.”

ON TV: Doing is **deep**.

ON TV: What do you want me to **do**?

ON TV/OUTLINE: “He replied, ‘My mother and brothers are the ones *who hear and do* God’s Word. Obedience is thicker than blood.’” Luke 8:21

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