

Series: “Cold Case Christianity” by J. Warner Wallace

Sermon: “Were They There?”

Primary texts: Psalms 119:105; Matthew 4:4; John 21:24; Luke 1:1-4; Acts 1:1-2, 21-22, 2:32, 4:20, 10:39; 1 Corinthians 15:7-8; Hebrews 4:12; 1 Peter 5:1; 2 Peter 1:16; 1 John 1:1

Book Context: Chapters 4 & 11

Discussion guide:

- How do you know that you can trust an eyewitness?
- Read Matthew 4:4, Psalms 119:105, and Hebrews 4:12
 - What is the value of the scriptures?
- What are the Gospels?
 - Why are these the pinnacle of scripture?
- Read at least a few of the following verses: 1 Peter 5:1, 2 Peter 1:16, John 21:24, 1 John 1:1, Acts 1:21-22, 1 Corinthians 15:7-8
 - What do these scriptures tell you about how the apostles viewed themselves?
 - Have you ever thought of the apostles as eyewitnesses?
 - Why is this important?
 - How does it affect your perspective on the Gospels?
- Why do people who deem themselves “reasonable” automatically reject the existence of the supernatural?
 - Why is this unreasonable?
- Why is it important to determine if a so-called eyewitness was really there?
 - How would you do this?
- Why is the time between when Jesus lived on earth and the time a Gospel was written important?
- In the book and/or sermon and/or participants guide what pieces of evidence that point towards the idea that the Gospels were written within 40-60 years of Jesus’ life most compelling?
- Is there a way that you and I can use this confidence in the Gospels to help others see the light?