

Sermon Series: **JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE**

Sermon Title: **"Is The Bible Reliable"**

Scripture: **Luke 1:1-4** (NIV)

- How do we know there is one true God?
- Does God even exist?
- Where do we start?

FAITH IS NOT A BLIND LEAP IN THE DARK

- Faith based on _____ (facts)
- Faith based on _____ (history)

WE START WITH THE BIBLE

1. ____ (If) the Bible is a reliable record of actual events and conversations.....
2. ____ (If) what the Bible says about Jesus Christ is true.....
3. _____ (Then) in light of His miracles and sayings, Jesus is the Son of God
4. _____ (Therefore) what Jesus Christ said about God is true.
5. _____ (Therefore) the God of the Bible is the One True God.

IS THE BIBLE RELIABLE: Is the Bible historically accurate?

1. We look for _____ (evidence), not _____ (proof)?
 2. We look at what _____ (probably) happened, not what _____ (possibly) happened.
- The Bible was written on paper (papyrus), taken from stories passed down. (parchment, manuscripts, letters)
 - Literature uses a 3-fold test to determine the reliability of ancient historical documents:
 1. Date and origin
 2. Character of people
 3. Content of the writings

ALL ANCIENT HISTORY IS A COPY...OF A COPY...OF A COPY!!!

ADD 3 BOXES

- History accepts: "History of the Gallic Wars" & "The Annals" as the the official record of the Roman Empire. They even assert it to be _____ (facts).
- Why do so many consider the Bible to be _____ (fiction)?
- The Bible records supernatural activity! (Miracles)

IS THE BIBLE RELIABLE?

1. Not _____ (blind) faith
2. But _____ (informed) faith

WE START WITH THE BIBLE...LEADS US TO THE ONE TRUE GOD!

"I AM the way" (Jesus Christ)