

UNDRINK THE KOOL-AID



UNDRINK THE KOOL-AID, PART 2: THE BIBLE IS DANGEROUS, INACCURATE, AND CONTRADICTS ITSELF

Why would anyone living today trust the Bible? After all, it's so full of terrible instances of violence and oppression that it has to be both barbaric and outdated. Besides, you can't really rely on a document that's over 2000 years old. It's been translated so often there's very little likelihood that what we're reading is what was written. Right?

BIG IDEA: The Bible isn't the point of Christianity. Jesus is.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are your biggest questions about the Bible?
2. In the message, Carlo presented quite a bit of evidence that what you're reading is what was written. To what extent does that help you see the Bible as an accurate guide?
3. Read Luke's introduction to his Gospel in Luke 1: 1-4. In light of the fake news culture we live in and passages like the one Carlo shared from the Gospel of Thomas, how does that make you feel about the reliability of the Gospel's we have in the New Testament?
4. Many critics say Christianity is oppressive and dangerous. In John 4: 1-30, how is Jesus' treatment of women astonishing in light of the way most people in 1st century culture treated women?
5. In what ways was Galatians 3:28 revolutionary in the first century? In what ways is it still revolutionary today?

Moving Forward

There is a lot to think about in this study of the origins of scripture. Three questions to help you move toward action this week:

- Will you read more scripture because you can have confidence that you're reading what was written?
- Will you study the scripture deeply enough to realize how radical the ethic of love is, and how that turned the first century upside down and stands to do the same to our world?
- Don't leave behind the ultimate question: What will you do about the point— Jesus? Life (and your life) hangs in the balance of the answer to that question.

Changing Your Mind

In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He existed in the beginning with God. - John 1:1 NLT

