

April 21st 2019
Series: Save The Date
Part 2: The Main Event

Are there things in the Bible that don't make sense to you? What are some of those things?

Have there been things in the Bible that at first didn't make sense to you, but then you did some research and found satisfactory answers?

Have you ever been tempted to walk away from the faith because of something in the Bible that didn't make sense to you?

What most resonated with you about last Sunday's message?

[Invite one or two people to summarize the message]

What first went through your mind when Jim made the statement "The Bible is not the foundation of the Christian Faith"?

Why might it be dangerous to think the Bible is the foundation of the Christian faith?

Fill in the blanks:

The foundation of our faith is not ["It is written..."].

The foundation of our faith is [Something happened]

The reason we take the written accounts of the New Testament writers seriously is not [because they're in the Bible.] The written accounts of the New Testament writers are in the Bible because early Christians [took them seriously].

READ:

"If Christ wasn't raised to life, our message is worthless, and so is your faith. If the dead won't be raised to life, we have told lies about God by saying that he raised Christ to life, when he really did not. So if the dead

won't be raised to life, Christ wasn't raised to life. Unless Christ was raised to life, your faith is useless, and you are still living in your sins. And those people who died after putting their faith in him are completely lost. If our hope in Christ is good only for this life, we are worse off than anyone else. But Christ has been raised to life! And he makes us certain that others will also be raised to life." 1 Corinthians 15:13–20 (CEV)

Why are we worse off than anyone else if Jesus didn't rise from the dead?

In what ways does knowing this life is not all there is give us hope?