



Sermon Notes: The Most Falsifiable Religion

Background:

QUESTION #1: WHERE ARE YOU TAKING US?

1. Luke's **Purpose**: To provide absolute certainty about the person and work of Jesus Christ.

QUESTION #2: HOW ARE YOU GETTING US THERE?

2. Luke's **Product**: An orderly record of eyewitness testimony.

QUESTION #3: WHY SHOULD WE TRUST YOU TO GET US THERE?

3. Luke's **Process**: Thorough, personal investigation.

4. Luke's **Practicality**.

- a. Luke will show you the nature of your faith.
- b. Luke will show you the resilience of your faith.
- c. Luke will show you the beauty of your faith.



Application Questions: The Most Falsifiable Religion

1. What do you know about the Gospel of Luke heading into this series? Do you have a favorite verse or story that stands out to you?
2. What questions do you have heading into this series? What in Luke's Gospel would you like to better understand? What would you like to learn?
3. How would you like to see your life challenged and changed by studying the Gospel of Luke? What are some worthwhile goals you could set for yourself for this series?
4. Why do you think people question/attack the historicity of Luke's Gospel (and the Bible in general), but don't have the same skepticism toward something like Thucydides' *History of The Peloponnesian War*?
5. What kinds of doubts/concerns/questions do you have about the accuracy and/or reliability of the Jesus story, as recorded in Scripture? What kinds of doubts do you have about your faith more generally?
6. What kinds of problems can you encounter if you pretend to be certain about something you're not actually certain about? What kinds of problems can you encounter if you're *not* certain about something you can/should be certain about?
7. How is the *source* of Luke's Gospel different from the source of other religions' "holy books"?
8. How is the *content* of Luke's Gospel different from the content of other religions' "holy books"?
9. Explain what it means if a claim is "falsifiable"? What do we mean when we say that Christianity is easily the world's most falsifiable religion (or faith system)?
10. Considering the answers to #7-9, how will this impact the way you read/listen to Luke? What is the primary way a Gospel calls you to respond?
11. What are some ways you've observed Christians trying to get (more) assurance of their faith? What does Luke 1:1-4 teach about where true assurance comes from? Is assurance inside-out or outside-in (or both)?
12. What one thing will you do in faith in response to this message?