



## WEEK 1 DISCUSSION GUIDE

### MESSAGE NOTES:

1. How were you first introduced to the Bible? What was your first Bible like? Has your view of the Bible changed at all as you have gotten older? If so, how?
2. Do you know someone (maybe you?) who when it comes to faith, the Bible, or God, found themselves saying, "I just don't believe it anymore?"
3. Share any SOAP Journal entries from the readings suggested in April.
4. Read Luke 1:1-4. What is your reaction to the idea that Luke was just one of many people writing accounts of Jesus? What does the idea of an "orderly account" suggest to you?
5. Have you ever had a good season of life come to an end, and thought it was "game over?" How did you deal with it?
6. Read Luke 23:44-56. In verses 47-49, there are 3 groups of people mentioned. What was the reaction of each to Jesus' death? If you were standing with his friends, what would you have been thinking or feeling?
7. Read Acts 2:32. What are the 2 "extraordinary" facts Peter states?
8. Have you ever wondered why there were so many versions of Jesus' life? How does the fact that it is rare for an ancient story to have multiple accounts affect your thoughts?
9. Andy stated that this is a "message for the whole world." How does this affect your view of the Bible?

**Bottom Line:** Christianity is not the result of something that was written; it's the result of something that happened—the resurrection of Jesus.

# SOAP JOURNAL EXERCISE

*Read: John 20*

**S - Scripture** - Choose one verse from the scripture above and hand write it below.

**O - Observation** - Describe in your own words what you think the verse is saying. Explore words and phrases and try to put down what you “see” in this verse. You can even re-write the verse in your own words.

**A - Application** - Write down what you should do because of what this verse says. It may be something you need to keep doing, stop doing, or start new. Make it as detailed and specific as possible.

**P - Prayer** - Write a prayer thanking God for speaking to you, and ask him to help you focus on what he has said and what you should do.