

Devotion 1- Jesus, The Historical Hero

Was George Washington the first president of the United States of America? Did Germany, Japan, and Italy start a war against the rest of the world? Did Terrorists fly commercial airplanes into the two towers in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington D.C.? How do we know these events are true? Have any of you met George Washington or were you alive when World War 2 took place?

We know these events happened because historians recorded them. They took a pen and paper and wrote about the events that took place in their lifetime. They were eyewitnesses that these people, events, and places were real.

How do we know that Jesus was a real man? How do we know that he was the Savior of the world? How do we know that he died and rose again?

Luke 1: 1- 4 reads, “Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile an account of the things accomplished among us, just as they were handed down to us by those from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, it seemed fitting for me as well, having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write it out for you in consecutive order, most excellent Theophilus; so that you may know the exact truth about the things you have been taught.”

Luke was a professional doctor living in the time of Jesus. He was a perfectionist. He wanted to know every small detail about the life of Jesus Christ. He undertook a great mission; find the truth about Jesus. Luke interviewed everyone he could find to discover the truth about the man called Jesus. Like a detective, he investigated every moment of Jesus’ life. After all his interviews and investigation, he came to one conclusion; Jesus is real and his claims are true.

It is all true; Jesus lived a perfect life on this earth, proclaimed to be the Savior of the world, and died and rose again so that all in the world might have the opportunity to be saved. We can be confident in this because a historian named Luke, in the time of Jesus, took the time to investigate and research. There was one overwhelming conclusion; Jesus Christ is all that he claims to be.

Questions

1. How do you know if any historical event, person, or place is real?
2. How can you tell the difference between what is real and fake?
3. Why can you have confidence that Jesus lived a perfect life, performed miracles, and died and rose again?