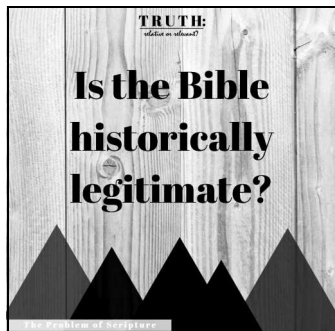
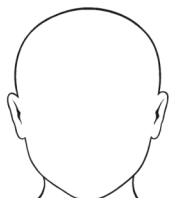


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|  | <b>SERMON NOTES</b>  |   | Date _____ |
|   | Use this sheet to help you think through the sermon today. |   |            |
|   | Preacher/Speaker   |  |            |
|   | Scripture Passage  |   |            |
| Additional Verses   |  |   |            |

Have you missed any of the sermons in this series? The first seven sermons of the series "TRUTH: Relative or Relevant" are available to download or stream online. Go to: <http://www.templerogers.org/sermons/truth-relative-or-relevant/>

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| What is the main idea of this sermon?                               | What key words/thoughts are important? |
| What did we learn about God from this passage?                      |  |
| What does God want me to do or believe in response to this message? |  |
| What was my favorite song lyric today?                              | What is something I didn't understand? |

## Day One—Sermon Application

Christians are often criticized for blindly believing the Bible, but our faith does not have to be completely 'blind.' **Read Luke 24:13-27.** In this passage, Jesus showed his disciples—the first skeptics—evidence that they could trust the Bible. **According to verse 27, what did Jesus do to help them understand God's plan for the salvation of humanity?**

**Can a person actually trust the Bible?** In the face of this question, most scholars—both secular and Christian—after having looked at the historical and literary evidence, agree that the Gospels, along with the rest of the New Testament, are "the best-attested documents in antiquity" (*New Evidence that Demands a Verdict* by Josh McDowell). **Since the Bible can be shown to be trustworthy and reliable by the standards of historical research, are we willing to exercise faith and consider that the Bible is the Truth and our guidebook for faith and life?**

## Day Two—Worship Preparation

Next Sunday, we will be singing the old hymn, "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus." Take a few minutes to meditate on these lyrics and watch the video online about the story behind the hymn (<https://youtu.be/dw2iiQo7apE>).

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| 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,    | Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!     |
| and to take him at his word;        | How I've proved him o'er and o'er! |
| just to rest upon his promise,      | Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!      |
| and to know, "Thus saith the Lord." | O for grace to trust him more!     |

## Day Three—Sermon Anticipation

As you prepare your heart for next week's message, we want to challenge you to think about this question: "Did the writers of the word of God know that they were being inspired by God to write what they wrote?"

Use an online resource to find out how many times in the Old Testament the writers use the words "thus saith the Lord." It was obvious that the Old Testament writers knew that they were speaking the very words of God. **How does God speak to us today?**

Read the first chapter of Revelation. **How would you describe John's encounter with Spirit when he was inspired to write this book?**