

CURRENT SERIES

Why, Christian?

“Does Christianity make sense?” Have you ever asked that question? Surprisingly, many ardent unbelievers and devoted, lifelong followers have never wrestled with that question. In this series we will examine a handful of arguments in favor of faith in Christ and of the Christian worldview in general, and respectfully contrast them with other ideologies.

SERMON NOTES

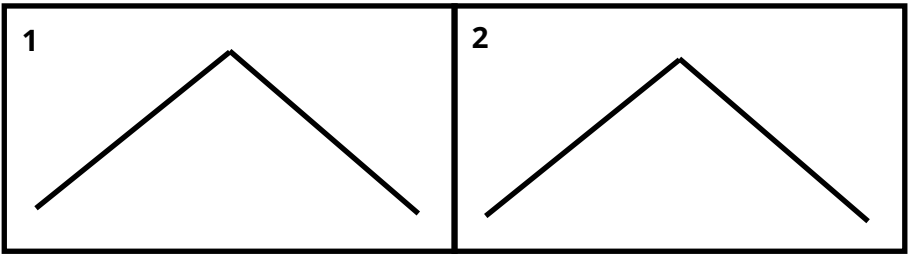
Christianity is Unshaken by Suffering

Job 1:13-22 | Pastor Matthew Starner

Job 1:13-22 ESV: ¹³ Now there was a day when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, ¹⁴ and there came a messenger to Job and said, “The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them, ¹⁵ and the Sabeans fell upon them and took them and struck down the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you.” ¹⁶ While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, “The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants and consumed them, and I alone have escaped to tell you.” ¹⁷ While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, “The Chaldeans formed three groups and made a raid on the camels and took them and struck down the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you.” ¹⁸ While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, “Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, ¹⁹ and behold, a great wind came across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young people, and they are dead, and I alone have escaped to tell you.”

²⁰ Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped. ²¹ And he said, “Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.”

²² In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrong.



1. It's common to say that we're all trying to get to the same place and we all _____.
2. We don't _____ in the same place, but we do _____ in the same place.

The foundation you build your worldview on _____ and it can be built on one of two things: _____ things or _____ things.

If my hope and meaning are anchored on earthly things, what happens when my earthly things are _____?

Ultimately, all other religions come down to you _____, which still leaves us vulnerable.

At the center of the Christian story is the meaning of life not being _____ by us but _____ us.

What is it about Job's worldview that make is able to withstand suffering? It's because his sense of meaning and hope was not anchored in the _____ that he loved but in _____.

TALK IT OVER

Talking through the sermon during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into next steps. These questions and scriptures are designed to help you take your next step in your relationship with Jesus.

1. What's the saddest story that you've seen recently (on the news, on Facebook/Twitter, etc.)?
2. Read Job 1:13-22. How does Job respond to the incredible tragedy that befalls him? What strikes you as most extraordinary about Job's response? What would you do in his situation?
3. If you lost everything that you had in one day, what would be your biggest question: why me? Where is God? How could I have prevented this? How will I recover? Something else?
4. How does Christianity compare to the way other worldviews or faiths deal with suffering?
How can you talk to others about the difference that Christianity makes in your life regarding suffering? How can you share that hope with others this week?

THIS WEEK IN THE BIBLE

These verses help take today's sermon beyond Sunday and into the rest of our week. Take time to read through these verses either alone, with your family, or with a friend. Talk about how these verses apply to your life today or what God might be teaching you through His Word.

Sunday	Job 1:13-22
Monday	Matthew 7:24-27
Tuesday	1 Peter 5:10
Wednesday	Romans 5:3-5
Thursday	James 1:2-4
Friday	John 16:33
Saturday	1 Peter 4:12-19

ONLINE NOTES

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