



How Shall the Young Walk By Faith?

Bubba Garner · Series: **How Shall the Young**

INTRODUCTION

- Even though we weren't there and we didn't see the crime committed, we're able to weigh the evidence and say guilty or innocent.
- When we read the gospels about Jesus Christ, we are reading eyewitness testimony.
- Walking by faith is not inferior. Walking by faith is superior.

1 The Town of Nazareth: Look With an Open Mind

John 1:43–50

- One of the greatest evidences of the Bible being inspired by God is it's not written like man would write the story.
- Can you imagine how close Nathaniel came to missing Jesus altogether?
- I want you to see that you must look at the facts with an open mind.
- If you go into something thinking you already know what the answer is, then how are you going to come to an honest evaluation of the facts?
- Because he investigated things further, instead of just stopping with what he thought he knew, he was able to confess.

2 A Roman Centurion: An Honest Confession

Matthew 27:45–54; 1 Kings 10:1–7

- Truly this man was the Son of God.
- This man was not on trial. He had nothing to gain by saying what he said.
- When he was presented with unmistakable truth, he made an honest confession.
- When you start with an open mind, and you say, I'm going to follow the evidence wherever it takes me, then it's going to take an honest heart to speak what you have found.
- I did not believe the reports until I came, and my eyes had seen it. And behold, the half was not told me.
- It starts with an open mind, but then it must lead to an honest confession.

3 Doubting Thomas: You Must Have Your Own Faith

John 20:19–29; John 11

- Thomas was the one who said, Well, let's go to Jerusalem, and if they kill Jesus, we're going to die with him.
- Unless I shall see in his hands the imprint of the nails and put my finger into the place of the nails and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.
- This wasn't written for our curiosity. It's written that you may believe.

- You must have your own faith. It is not wrong for you to question. It is not wrong for you to want to know the evidence.
- If you have your own faith, you're not just doing it because mom and dad said so. You're doing it because the Lord said so.
- Blessed are they who did not see and yet believe.

THE CHALLENGE

Let's make certain that we do it on this side. That out of our own free will, because of the testimony we have believed, we can say, though we did not see him, still we believe.

MY NOTES
