Outline – August 1, 2021 Matthew 5:17-18; Luke 1:1-4; John 20:30-31; 1 Corinthians 15:1-5 "God Has Spoken"

We Are On The Brink

I. Seven things our nation is facing at any moment

- A. Economic breakdown
- B. Pandemic challenges
- C. World war
- D. Ecological breakdown
- E. Persecution of believers
- F. Denominational disaster
- G. Civil division (aggression) (CRT vaccinations patriotism))

II. Bibles' advice "always be ready"

- A. Prepare for an attack
 - 1. 12-7-1941
 - 2. 9-11-2001

III. Where is the attack coming from?

- A. The "New" atheists
 - 1. Sam Harris
 - 2. Bart Ehrman
 - 3. Richard Dawkins
- B. The "New" philosophy
 - 1. No absolute truth
 - 2. Anything goes
- C. The "New" tolerance
 - 1. You must recognize our views
 - 2. You must embrace your view
 - 3. We will punish you
- D. The new attack wants to
 - 1. Cancel you
 - 2. Curse you
 - 3. Condemn you
- E. The new plurality
 - 1. All roads lead to heaven
 - 2. All religions are the same

IV. What do we need to establish

- A. What is the source of our authority?
- B. What is the foundation of our world view?
- C. What is the reason for our beliefs?
- D. What answers life's great questions

V. The power of the Bible

- A. It is authoritative
 - 1. Helps to speak with boldness
 - 2. Many cringe with uneasiness
 - 3. Some pushback with aggression
- B. It speaks on almost every major issue of life

VI. What makes it so unique?

- A. It's compilation
- B. It's claims
- C. What it contains
 - 1. Promises (covenants)
 - 2. Predictions
 - 3. Prophecies
 - 4. Person of Jesus
- D. It's the story/events of a nation/people who gave the world
 - 1. Law of God
 - 2. Word of God
 - 3. Son of God
 - 4. Gift of God (salvation)
 - 5. Kingdom of God
- E. The original manuscripts
 - 1. Inerrant
 - 2. Infallible

VII. Putting the claims to the test

- A. Manuscript evidence
 - 1. 24,000 New Testament manuscripts
 - 2. Fragments of Matthews gospel 50 A.D.
 - 3. Written circulated during times of witnesses
- B. Corroboration
 - 1. Details: names, places, events
 - 2. Nonbiblical sources
 - a) Tacitus
 - b) Josephus
 - 3. Died for what they saw

- C. Archeological evidence
- D. Prophecies (given fulfilled)
 - 1. Nations
 - 2. Jesus
 - 3. Present day
- E. Science (10 examples)
- F. Saviors' endorsement
- G. A numerical uniqueness (heptadic structure) Genealogy of Jesus

VIII. When applied or when denied

- A. Application creates
 - 1. Life
 - 2. Hope
 - 3. Purpose
 - 4. Abundance
 - 5. Assurance
- B. When denied
 - 1. Perversion
 - 2. Abuse
 - 3. Crime
 - 4. Poverty
 - 5. Illiteracy
- C. Satan's attempts are to cause
 - 1. Doubt
 - 2. Denial
 - 3. Defiance
 - 4. Death
 - 5. Destruction
- D. Skepticism has been destroyed
 - 1. Archeological discoveries
 - 2. Documentary disclosure
 - 3. Prophetic fulfillment
 - 4. Competent analysis

What Will You Do With This Book?
What Will You Do With Jesus?
Evidence Demands A Verdict