



THE UNBREAKABLE WORD

If someone is able to share their *Story of Faith*, invite them to do so. Take a few minutes to share *Evidences of God's Grace* together, closing in grateful prayer to God for His faithfulness.

OPENING COMMENT

This week we focus on verse John 10:35 where Jesus makes one of the strongest inerrancy claims about the Bible and in the Bible.

What stood out to you from Sunday's text and sermon?

READ THE TEXT: John 10:31-42

³¹The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. ³²Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?" ³³The Jews answered him, "It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God." ³⁴Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your Law, 'I said, you are gods'? ³⁵If he called them gods to whom the word of God came—and Scripture cannot be broken—³⁶do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'? ³⁷If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me; ³⁸but if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father." ³⁹Again they sought to arrest him, but he escaped from their hands. ⁴⁰He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing at first, and there he remained. ⁴¹And many came to him. And they said, "John did no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true." ⁴²And many believed in him there.



I: JESUS AND HIS AUDIENCE BELIEVED THAT SCRIPTURE CANNOT BE BROKEN

1. If Scripture cannot be broken as Jesus says, could it be that our interpretations and assumptions that lead us to say otherwise are what's broken? Which approach do you use more often: "This text seems problematic. It must be wrong." or "This text seems problematic. I should search for some helpful study on this text to help me understand it" and "What is it in me that wants to disbelieve and disregard this text?"?
2. When it came to Jesus claiming that Scripture cannot be broken, it was common ground that He shared with His hearers. What is generally believed about the Bible in the public square? Is the inerrancy of Scripture common ground in your context?

II: JESUS TAUGHT THAT EVERY WORD, IOTA, & DOT IN THE BIBLE POSSESS AUTHORITY

1. Read Matthew 5:17-19 and 23:23. How does Jesus approach all of Scripture? How do you approach all of Scripture?
2. What are some passages of Scripture that you find difficult to believe? Share them with each other and then spend some time praying for each other about them.

III: IF WE DENY INERRANCY, WE MUST ASK IF WE CAN TRUST ANYTHING GOD HAS SAID

1. There is a temptation to distrust and disregard certain texts of Scripture because we can't reconcile them with the God we believe in. What is the danger in doing this and where does it lead?

IV: IF WE DENY INERRANCY, WE MAKE OURSELVES THE STANDARD OF TRUTH OVER THE BIBLE

1. There is a temptation to make ourselves the judge and jury of Truth. But Jesus affirms the total trustworthiness and truthfulness of every word, iota, and dot of Scripture. What is the danger in relying on the standards we make rather than the Bible's?



CONCLUSION

Jesus is the fulfillment of the Law and Prophets. He fulfilled the prophecies about Him, obeyed the Law perfectly, was the once for all sacrifice the sacrificial system pointed to, and is Himself the Word made flesh. Ultimately, the Bible points us to Jesus for salvation and sanctification. We believe the Bible because Jesus did and because the gospel shines through all of it.

SHARE & PRAY

- Share how you can pray for each other in light of this text and your discussion around it.
- Thank God that the sheep of His fold are held in the strongest hands.
- Conclude by spending some time praying for one another, for the areas of growth and grace you are seeking, and the needs among you.

