Series: Archaeology and the Bible
Time Frame: 7 weeks (week 7 of 7)
July 15, 2020

Lesson: Archaeology and Jesus

Zoom Instructions:
- Our meeting is set to 40 minutes. If we run over, use the same login info to come right back in.

Quick Game:
- Let's talk.

Opening Question:
- **What questions do you have about the life, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ?**

Study:
- Matthew 27:32-44
  - **Questions:**
    - **What stood out to you or was memorable?**
    - **What was challenging, hard to understand, accept or believe?**
    - **What are people like in the passages? What are they called to be like?**
    - **What is God like this passage? Father? Son? Holy Spirit?**
- Archaeology
  - Crucifixion
    - Nails (Psalm 22; Luke 24:37; John 20:20, 25)
      - Feet?
      - Over top of one another
      - Through the heels
    - Spear (John 19:34; 20:20, 27)
  - Burial
    - Cloth | Shroud of Turin
      - Is It Really Jesus??
    - Matthew 27:59; Mark 15:46; Luke 23:53; John 19:40
  - Resurrection
    - Empty Tomb
    - Josephus, Testimonium Flavianum
  - Other things
    - Galilee boat
    - Peter's house
    - Historians (Josephus, Tacitus)

So what:
- There is a lot of debate about whether Jesus existed or not. Most scholars and historians believe he was a real person, but the question remains of what that really means.
  - Was He the Son of God – the Messiah? Or just another guy?
- These artifacts do not prove, conclusively anything about Jesus (other than his existence and the movement that followed).

- These artifacts point to the accuracy in which the Bible describes Jesus' life, death, burial, and resurrection. The things used. The methods performed. They are indeed accurately shown throughout the New Testament.
- I hope these lessons in Archaeology give you a stronger belief of the Bible's accuracy which will lead to greater confidence in the truth it proclaims about Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

Other thoughts/questions??

Prayer time