



SERMON NOTES

Date _____

Use this sheet to help you think through the sermon today.

Preacher/Speaker

Scripture Passage

Additional Verses



Have you missed any of the sermons in this series? The first seven sermons of the series "TRUTH: Relative or Relevant" are available to download or stream online. Go to: <http://www.templerogers.org/sermons/truth-relative-or-relevant/>

<p>What is the main idea of this sermon?</p>	<p>What key words/thoughts are important?</p>
<p>What did we learn about God from this passage?</p>	
<p>What does God want me to do or believe in response to this message?</p>	
<p>What was my favorite song lyric today?</p>	<p>What is something I didn't understand?</p>

Day One—Sermon Application

The 'Bible' of Jesus' day was the Old Testament (a.k.a. the Law, the Torah). Anytime a New Testament writer quoted from the Old Testament, he would usually say, "As it is written..." to indicate that he was quoting Scripture. In Matthew 5, Jesus began teaching in a new way. He wasn't telling His followers what the Law said—His focus was on what He, Himself, had to say. He claimed to have the same authority as God as he taught. **Read Matthew 5:17-48 and underline (or list) all the times Jesus said, "I say to you." What all did He say?**

Josh McDowell wrote, "Who you decide Jesus Christ is must not be an idle intellectual exercise. You cannot put Him on the shelf as a great moral teacher. That is not a valid option. He is either a liar, a lunatic, or the Lord. You must make a choice" (Evidence that Demands a Verdict 163). **Who do you say He is?**

Day Two—Worship Preparation

Next Sunday, the choir will be singing a song called, "God Is With Us." Spend some time reflecting on the chorus of this song and how these truths enhance our relationship with God.

God Is With Us | Casting Crowns (<https://youtu.be/B2e4nIIMN1I>)

Love is raining down on the world tonight;
 There's a presence here I can tell.
 God is in us, God is for us, God is with us, Emmanuel.

He's the Savior we have been praying for.
 In our humble hearts He will dwell.
 God is in us, God is for us, God is with us, Emmanuel.

Day Three—Sermon Anticipation

In next week's sermon, Pastor Wade will be teaching more of an Easter message than a Christmas message. We'll be thinking about the reality of the resurrection of Jesus. It might seem strange to think about this at Christmas, but we can never forget that Jesus was born to die. **In Romans 3:21-26, what do we learn about the purpose of Christ's death and resurrection?**

In his first letter to the Corinthians (15:1-7), Paul records some of those who witnessed the resurrection of Jesus firsthand. **Why is it important that there were so many witnesses of Jesus' resurrection?**

What is so important about the resurrection anyway? (1 Corinthians 15:12-21)