

# What's the Problem?

**Why are people (including some Christians) suspicious that the Bible isn't completely trustworthy?**

# ***What don't I mean?***

**Creation vs. evolution**

**Jesus mythicism**

**Claims of other religions**

**Militant atheism**

# **What *do* I mean?**

**“Trustworthy”**

**Is the Bible a reliable (and authoritative) for “faith and practice”? (2 Tim 3:16-17)**

**Are its truth propositions true?**

# **What *do* we mean?**

## **Reading**

- **What you encounter**

## **Thinking**

**What you've been told about:**

- **What the Bible is**
- **How we got the Bible**

# Let's Get Uncomfortable (Obvious)

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Matthew 27:37

And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “**This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.**”

Luke 23:38

There was also an inscription over him, “**This is the King of the Jews.**”

Mark 15:26

And the inscription of the charge against him read, “**The King of the Jews.**”

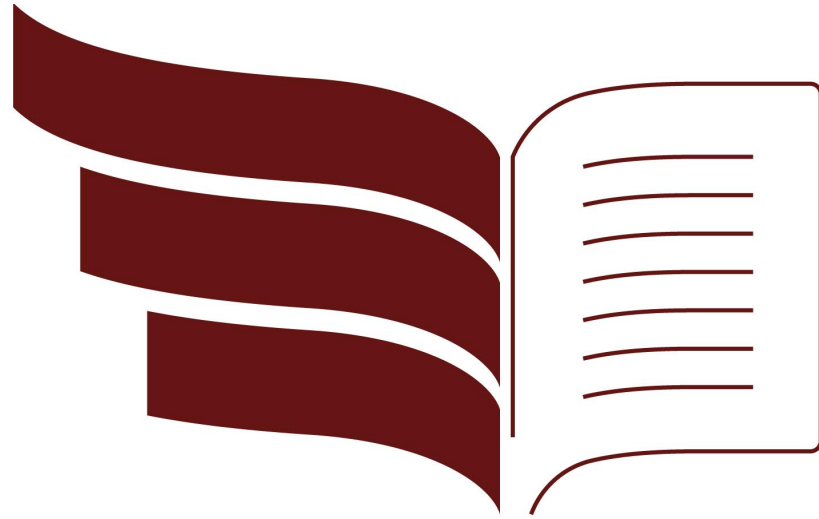
John 19:19

Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “**Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.**”

# Getting More Uncomfortable

- Numbers 5:11-31
- Deut 21:15-17
- 2 Samuel 11 vs 1 Chron 20
- Baal Cycle and Daniel 7
- Psa 74:12-17 (cp. KTU)
- Matt 2:13-15
- Eph 6:5-9; Philemon 8-19
- Ezek 5:5; Ezek 38:12
- Prov 8:27-28 (link)





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