

The Black Ice of the Bible

Darcy Siggelkow

Questions: When has something that is supposed to help you caused you to “hit the ditch” in life? When has Scripture caused that for you?

**Doubt is not the enemy of faith;
it’s an invitation to deeper faith.**

**It’s one thing to read the Bible,
it’s quite another thing to understand it, and
it is still another thing to use it responsibly.**

Michael Bird

The Bible is written for us, but it is not written to us.

John Walton

How to keep traction with the Bible:

- You’re going to have to dig deep to sort some stuff out.
- Accept not everyone, even conservative biblical scholars, agree on everything.
- Recognize there’s some stuff you may never have a satisfactory answer for.
- Just because you don’t have an answer for everything, it doesn’t make the Christian faith invalid.

**The Christian faith isn’t focused on a book or belief,
it is focused on a person.**

Read 1 Corinthians 3:11; 1 Peter 2:6-7; Ephesians 2:20;
John 5:39-40

Question: How do these verses highlight the foundation of the Christian faith?

Reasons to believe in Jesus (that are not dependent on the Bible):

- History
- Philosophy
- Experience

Questions: Which one of these reasons do you know most about? Which is most helpful to you? Which one do you need to dig deeper with?

Rather than believing in Jesus because you believe the Bible to be the inspired word of God, you can believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God because you first believe in Jesus.

Gregory Boyd

Question: How does this quote influence your approach to Scripture?

