

**‘Todd Wilson Preaches Short Sermons’  
& Other Popular Myths**

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**I. Recap**

- It’s Complicated: The Faith-Science Relationship (Apr 2)
- *‘Todd Wilson Preaches Short Sermons’ & Other Popular Myths* (Apr 9)
- Science and Faith as Strange Bedfellows (Apr 23)
- Seeking Wisdom: Where Do We Go from Here? (Apr 30)

**I. Myth #1: Medieval Christians Thought the Earth was Flat**

- Not true – most medieval Christians knew the earth was round

**II. Myth #2: Galileo was Persecuted So Badly He Went to Jail**

- Mainly false – Galileo’s conflict with the church was largely his fault, and he never set foot in jail

**III. Myth #3: Scopes Monkey Trial was “Science” vs. “Religion”**

- Misleading – the Scopes Trial was more complex than it is often portrayed in the media

**IV. Three Lessons**

- a. We need to be far more discerning and critical as Christians
- b. We need history to help us learn from our past
- c. We need history to strengthen/sharpen the views we already hold

**Recommended Reading**

Ronald L. Numbers, ed., *Galileo Goes to Jail and Other Myths About Science and Religion* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2009).