

*Come to Me, all you who labor and are
heavy laden, and I will give you rest*

Matthew 11:28



Why Jesus?

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- Jesus Said He Is The Way
 - The Only Name Given For Salvation
- Jesus Calls You
 - To Come, Trust , and Obey
- And To Walk In The Light
 - As He Is In The Light

God Tells Us To Test All Things

- “Test all things, hold fast what is good.”
 - 1Thessalonians 5:21
- “Come now, and let us reason together, Says The LORD,”
 - Isaiah 1:18
- Why Should You Believe and Trust The Bible?
- Let’s Test

Why Should You Believe The Bible?



- *God says in Hebrews 11:1*
 - “faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”
- *The Bible says it is from God in 2 Timothy 3:16*
 - “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,”

Is Scripture Really From God?

- If the Bible is from the Creator then:
 1. All statements mentioning laws of the universe or scientific knowledge must be true, allowing for poetic license and the limitations of our scientific theories.
 2. All prophecy, from the Bible, of the future would come true.
 3. The evidence of the authenticity of the Bible, and the life of Jesus would be overwhelming.

1. The Bible Is Accurate

- Earth not supported -- Job 26:7 “He stretches out the north over empty space; He hangs the earth on nothing.” (NKJV) 1450 B.C.
 - 1687 A.D. Sir Isaac Newton using telescope discovers earth not supported, but suspended by its attraction to the sun. He published his finding in “Principia” 1687.
- Paths in the sea -- Psalm 8:8 “The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea that pass through the paths of the seas.” (NKJV) 1000 B.C.

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- Matthew Fontaine Maury, called “The pathfinder of the seas”, is the father of modern oceanography. He helped establish Annapolis Academy. A statue of Maury stands in Richland, Virginia; charts of the seas in one hand and the Bible in the other. During a temporary illness his eldest son was reading to him from the Bible and read Psalm 8:8. Maury stopped him and said “read that again”. After hearing it again he said “It is enough, if the word of God says there are paths in the sea, they must be there, and I am going to find them.” Within a few years he had charted the sea lanes and currents and he published “Physical Geography of the Sea” the first textbook of modern oceanography.

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- Who told Moses to Write?
 - Leviticus 17:14 'For it is the life of all flesh. Its blood sustains its life...' (NKJV)
 - At a time when Egypt's doctors were prescribing: "For hair loss, apply magic water poured over an idol...For splinters, apply worm's blood and asses dung." Papyrus Ebers, 1552bc, the physicians desk reference of Moses time.
 - Blood letting to rid the body of disease ridden blood was practiced as early as 350 B.C. by Herophilos, a physician of the museum at Alexandria.
 - George Washington - bled for acute laryngitis, he lost too much blood and died DEC. 14, 1799.

2. Bible Prophecy Comes True

- Virgin Birth -- Isaiah 7:14
 - Fulfilled -- Matthew 1:18,23
- Where is Jesus from -- Hosea 11:1, Micah 5:2
 - Fulfilled -- Matthew 2:14,15, Matthew 2:1,5-6
- Betrayed by a friend -- Psalm 41:9; 55:12-14
 - Fulfilled -- Matthew 26:47-56, John 13:18,21
- No Bones Broken -- Numbers 9:12
 - Fulfilled -- John 19:32-36
- Buried with rich -- Isaiah 53:9
 - Fulfilled -- Matthew 27:57-61
- Power over Death -- Psalm 16:10
 - Fulfilled -- Luke 24:6

3. Evidence of The Bible & Jesus

- Could someone have made up the Old and New Testaments to make them come true?
- The Dead Sea Scrolls
 - discovered 1947 in Caves of Qumran by a Bedouin shepherd boy
 - The scrolls date to 200 - 400 B.C.
 - Pieces of every scroll of the Bible have been found as well as other writings of their time
 - The scroll of Isaiah was found whole and matches the book of Isaiah in our Bible today.
 - This evidence shows us the entire Old Testament predates the life and times of Christ.

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- Was the New Testament or Christ made up to prove the Old Testament to be true?
- Josephus -- Jewish historian born in 37 A.D. and commanded Jewish troops against the Roman armies in Jewish revolt 66-70 A.D. He went with Titus to Rome and became a friend of the emperors. He died in 100 A.D. in Rome.
 - Josephus wrote: “Now there was about this time Jesus, a wise man, if it be lawful to call him a man, for he was a doer of wonderful works- a teacher of such men as receive the truth with pleasure. He drew over to him both many of the Jews, and many of the Gentiles. He was [the] Christ; (64) and when Pilate, at the suggestion of the principal men amongst us, had condemned him to the cross, those that loved him at the first did not forsake him, for he appeared to them alive again the third day as the divine prophets had foretold these and ten thousand other wonderful things concerning him;” “The Antiquities of the Jews” Book 18, Chapter 3, #3, “The Works of Josephus”
 - So we know Jesus existed in the flesh!

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- We have evidence of the authenticity of the Old Testament
- We have evidence of the life of Jesus
- Therefore the only question left: Were the witnesses lying?

Christ sent 13 witnesses into the world to testify on His behalf. Are the witnesses credible? Did they receive something for their testimony?
Yes!

Poverty! Abuse! and Death!

And A Home With God!

The Conclusion

1. The Bible is scientifically accurate
2. The prophecies of the Bible are accurate
3. The evidence of the authenticity of the Bible and the life of Christ are overwhelming
 - Acts 17:30-31 "Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,³¹ "because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."