

Session 1

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This is not an “evangelism program”. It will not teach you to argue someone into faith.
...no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit. II Corinthians 12:3
So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. Romans 10:17

We will explore the “logical” objections people have about Jesus.

Have you ever assumed something?

And then discovered you were wrong?

(You got new evidence – or looked at the evidence a new way?)

Heart / Head Romans 3:28 /James 2:24

Can you have faith with your head?

Does that mean head knowledge has no place in faith?

Video: The Investigation of a Lifetime

What stuck out to you in the video?

What sounded like things you have said or heard?

The “logical” objections to Jesus usually go like this:

“Even a cursory glance shows that (if Jesus existed) he did not claim to be God and he did not rise from the dead and the Bible, as an old book, is full of contradictions and mistakes.”

We will explore how this logic is false

– because it is based on only a cursory glance at the scriptures.

A real look at the evidence gives a clearer picture.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” Matthew 16:13
Who do people say Jesus is? Why?

“Son of Man” – human, yes – but... Daniel 7:13-14

John 10:22-33

What is Jesus saying about His relationship to God?

What do those around Him believe he is saying?

“A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronising nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.”— **C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity**

Why does it matter who Jesus is?

Jesus lived 2000 years ago and (as an adult) never traveled more than about 200 miles.

In what ways has Jesus had an influence on the history of the world?

How have people following Jesus impacted the world positively?

How have people following Jesus impacted the world negatively?

For next session:

How accurately do historical records reflect past events?

How can you tell?

How accurately can the Bible reflect history?

How can you tell?

Are the 4 Gospels accurate historical biographies of Jesus?

How can you tell?