

Session 4b

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This is not an “evangelism program”. It will not teach you to argue someone into faith. *So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.* Romans 10:17

What have we discussed to answer critics who say “Jesus never claimed to be God.” Or “Jesus was only a good teacher whose followers later made him into God.”

What have we discussed to answer critics who say “The Gospels aren’t history. They were written much later.” Or “We do not have the original documents so what we have is different from what was originally written.”

What have we discussed to answer critics who say “The Gospels are just doctrine written by followers of Jesus, of course they say these things.”

What have we discussed to answer critics who say “So what if Jesus did miracles, other people can do magic tricks, too”

What have we discussed to answer critics who say “What does Jesus have to do with the rest of the Bible?”

Matthew 1

Mt 1:22, 2:25, 2:27, 2:23, 4:14, 8:17, 12:17, 13:14, 13:35, 21:4, 26:56, 27:9

Luke 24:25-27

Luke 24:44-47

Does Jesus have the “fingerprints” of the prophesied Messiah?

Prophecy
Typological
Unique

Over 50 (some estimates are over 300)
written hundreds of years before Jesus
From birth to death

*Odds of fulfilling even 50 prophecies:
1 in a ... virtually impossible*

What did Jesus do that showed He is God?

Miracles

Were the signs “magic tricks?” John 11:47
What other explanations were given? John 8:48
John 3:2, 9:16

Teaching on His own authority
Matthew 5, Matthew 7:29

Forgiveness of Sin
Mark 2:1-12
John 20:21-23
(Why are Christians able to forgive sin?)

Worship
Matthew 14:33, 28:9, 28:17
Luke 24:52 John 9:38, 20:28
Deuteronomy 5:7, 6:13

People knew what Jesus claimed
John 10:33

*The Bible (Old and New Testament) is the story of God's redemption.
Jesus is the fulfillment, pinnacle, and climax of the story.
“The cross is the focus of all of history”*

³ He was despised and rejected^[b] by men,
a man of sorrows^[c] and acquainted with^[d] grief,^[e]
and as one from whom men hide their faces^[f]
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.
⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.