

# Apologetic Evangelism



**Defending the faith**



**Sharing the Gospel**

## Apologetic Method : Steps 7-10

1 Truth is absolute and knowable

2 God exists

3 Miracles are possible

4 The New Testament is historically reliable

5 The New Testament says Jesus claimed to be God

6 Jesus proved this claim by: 1. Living a sinless miraculous life 2. Fulfilling prophecies 3. Predicting and accomplishing His Resurrection

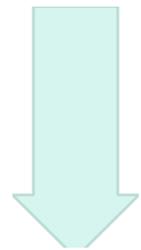
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8 **Whatever Jesus teaches is true, because He is God**

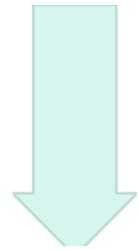
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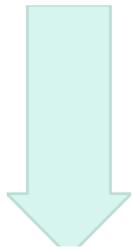
# Jesus is God



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The Bible is the Word of God

# The logical/philosophical case:

The New Testament is historically reliable

The New Testament records Jesus' many claims to be God

The New Testament records Jesus' life, and how it substantiates those claims

Therefore Jesus is God

# The Biblical case:

1

God cannot error, change, or lie. Jesus cannot error, change or lie

2

Jesus spoke of the Old Testament Scriptures as though they had divine authority

3

Jesus promised the inspiration of the New Testament

4

Both the Old and New Testaments were considered to be Divine Truth by Jesus

5

The Entire Bible is the Authoritative revelation of God

# The Biblical case:

God cannot lie. Jesus cannot lie.

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**Numbers 23:19**

“God is not a man that He should lie...”

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**Titus 1:2**

“God, Who cannot lie...”

“

**Hebrews 6:18**

“... it is impossible for God to lie...”

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### "It is written"

Jesus frequently used this phrase, often preceding a quote from the Old Testament, to emphasize its divine origin and authority.

### "Law and the Prophets"

This phrase, used by Jesus, refers to the entire body of Old Testament scripture, upholding its enduring truth:

- "Will not pass away"  
**Matthew 5:17**
- "Were taught UNTIL John the Baptist" – **Luke 16:16**

### Quoted from

Jesus consistently quoted from various books of the Old Testament, treating them as the infallible and authoritative Word of God.

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### Books Jesus quoted or referred to

- 5 books of Pentateuch
- Samuel, Kings, Chronicles
- Psalms, Proverbs
- Major and Minor Prophets

### Phrases Jesus used

- "God commanded"
- "Power of God"

# The Biblical case:

Jesus promised the inspiration of the New Testament

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father Father will send in My name, He will teach you all you all things, and bring to your remembrance all remembrance all things that I said to you. Jn  
Jn 14:26

When He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will will guide you into all truth... and He will tell you tell you things to come... He will take of what is what is Mine and declare it to you. Jn 16:12-14  
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# What are the outcomes of these points?

**Jesus is God**

You are not

**Whatever He teaches is true**

If you disagree, you are wrong. Always

**Jesus taught the Bible is the word of God**

If you disagree, you are disagreeing with God

**The Bible is the Word of God**

The Bible is the authority over the matters contained within its pages, not you

What the Bible says regarding sin is not negotiable

What the Bible says regarding salvation is not negotiable

**Man can choose to either accept or reject these truths**

**Why do some choose to reject these points?**

**Unbelief**

**Sin**

**Pride**

# Should we be surprised when people reject the Word?

Original sin of Lucifer – Isaiah 14:12-14

**For you have said in your heart:**

**I will ascend into heaven,**

**I will exalt my throne above the stars of God;**

**I will also sit on the mount of the congregation**

**On the farthest sides of the north;**

**I will ascend above the heights of the clouds,**

**I will be like the Most High.**

**Should we be surprised when people reject the Word?**

**Sin of the Jewish authorities**

**Mark 7:9 - rejecting the Word of God in favor of theirs**

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**He said to them, “All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition.”**

”

## Should we be surprised when people reject the Word?

### Sin of all man

Luke 10:16 - Rejecting the message, messenger, and God

“

**He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me.”**

”

# How should we respond?

**Demonstrate your desire to share love, not condemnation**  
**John 3:14-21**

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that **whoever believes** in Him should **not perish** but have **eternal life**. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

For God did not send His Son into the world to **condemn** the world, but that the world through Him might be **saved**.

“He who **believes** in Him is **not condemned** but he who does **not believe** is **condemned** already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John 3:17-21

And this is the **condemnation**, that the **light** has come into the world, and men **loved darkness** rather than **light**, because their deeds were **evil**. For everyone practicing **evil** hates the **light** and does not come to the **light**, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does the **truth** comes to the **light**, that his deeds may be **clearly seen**, that they have been done in God.”

# How should we respond?

**Emphasize you are delivering a message, not passing judgment**

**1**

**The Holy Spirit convicts, we only deliver the message**

**2**

**But if we are delivering this message, doesn't that mean we assume they are a bad person, or a sinner who needs God?**

# How should we respond?

Provide a **reason** for showing the Bible is the Word of God, not just to prove a point

It is not about being a “good person” or “knowing about God”

Demonstrate the Bible as being a book of **salvation**, not **judgment** Rom 3:24-26

They are **justified freely** by His **grace** through the **redemption** that is in Christ Jesus. God presented Him as a propitiation through **faith** in His blood, to demonstrate His **righteousness**, because in His **grace** God passed over the sins previously committed. God presented Him to demonstrate His **righteousness** at the present time, so that He would be **righteous** and declare **righteous** the one who has **faith** in Jesus.

ROMANS 3:24-26

FOR ALL HAVE **SINNED** AND FALL SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD, AND ARE JUSTIFIED BY HIS GRACE AS A GIFT,



THROUGH THE **REDEMPTION** THAT IS IN CHRIST JESUS

ROMANS 3:23-24

# Delivering a message, not passing judgment

**We know all sin and have fallen short of God - Rom 3:23**

**Our opinion of someone's position before God is irrelevant, God is the judge**

**All sin separates us from God, but only one sin does so permanently**

**We know this message is for everyone**

**We are not condemning, only recognizing all have fallen**

**Not a moral failure**  
**Not an issue of ignorance**  
**Knowingly rejecting the goodness, grace and power of God**

# The Bible is the Word of God

① Why are you sharing this message?

② Are you seeking God before during and after you deliver this message?

③ Are you relying on your own knowledge and efforts?

④ Don't try to do with the flesh what can only be done by the Spirit!