

Jesus Is The One

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Genesis 1:1 (CSB) *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

John 1:1-3 (CSB) *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³All things were created through Him, and apart from Him not one thing was created that has been created.*

Three Proofs of the Existence of God

1. JESUS IS THE ONE WHO CREATED.

- Man creates things from existing matter. God creates atoms into molecules.

2. JESUS IS THE ONE WHO IS RESURRECTED FROM THE DEAD

A. The Apostle Paul penned an eyewitness account.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (CSB) *I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. ⁴He was buried, and He was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. ⁵He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. ⁶After that, He was seen by more than 500 of His followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then He was seen by James and later by all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as though I had been born at the wrong time, I also saw Him. ⁹For I am the least of all the apostles. In fact, I'm not even worthy to be called an apostle after the way I persecuted God's church.*

- A Christian read the following Bible passage to a Jewish man and asked him who he believed wrote it. The Jewish man said one of Jesus' followers.

Isaiah 53: *He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. ⁴Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced because of our rebellion, crushed because of our iniquities; punishment for our peace was on Him, and we are healed by His wounds⁷He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth. ⁹And they made His grave with the wicked— But with the rich at His death,... ¹⁸ they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.*

Psalms 22 *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? ⁷All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads; ⁸"He trusts in the Lord; let Him deliver Him; let Him*

rescue Him, for He delights in Him!"... ¹⁶For dogs have surrounded me; a gang of evildoers has closed in on me; they pierced my hands and my feet. ¹⁷I can count all my bones; people look and stare at me. ¹⁸They divided my garments among themselves, and they cast lots for my clothing.

B. The Empty Tomb and the Unlikely Witnesses

- In the first century, Jewish law generally did not accept women as witnesses in court.

3. JESUS IS THE ONE WHO CHANGES LIVES

Mark 3:21 (NLT) *When his family heard what was happening, they tried to take Him away. "He's out of his mind," they said.*

John 7:2-5 (NLT) *But soon it was time for the Jewish Festival of Shelters, ³and Jesus' brothers said to Him, "Leave here and go to Judea, where your followers can see your miracles! ⁴You can't become famous if you hide like this! If you can do such wonderful things, show yourself to the world!" ⁵For even his brothers didn't believe in Him.*

- After the resurrection, James became a leader of the early church and wrote the Book of James.

Josephus, *Antiquities of the Jews*, (20.9.1), *"But the high priest Ananus, taking advantage of the absence of Festus, assembled the Sanhedrin of judges and brought before them James, the brother of Jesus who was called Christ, and some others, and having accused them of breaking the law, he delivered them to be stoned."*

JESUS IS THE ONE WHO WILL JUDGE ALL PEOPLE

John 5:22 (CSB) *The Father, in fact, judges no one but has given all judgment to the Son,*

Revelation 20:11-15 (CSB) *Then I saw a great white throne and one seated on it. Earth and heaven fled from his presence, and no place was found for them. ¹²I also saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened.*

Another book was opened, which is the book of life, and the dead were judged according to their works by what was written in the books. ... ¹⁵And anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

JESUS IS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN FORGIVE SINS

John 3:16-17 (CSB) *For God loved the world in this way: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.*