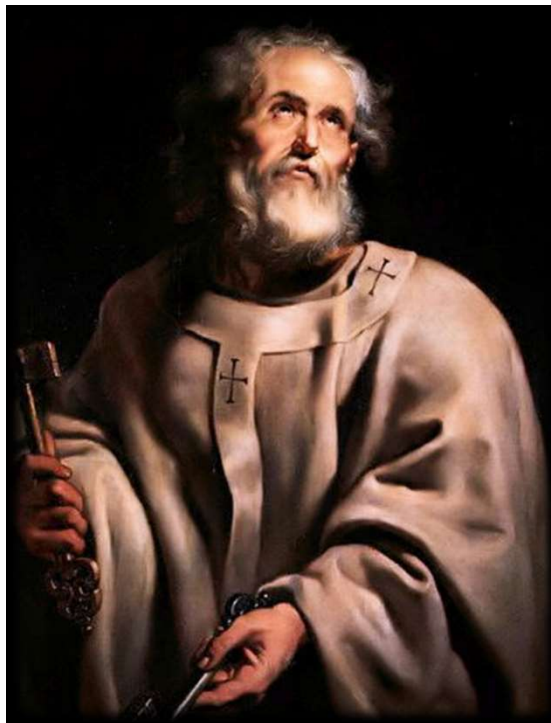


✧ 1 Peter 3:15 ✧

*"But sanctify the Lord  
God in your hearts,  
always be ready to give  
a **defense** to everyone  
who asks you a reason  
for the hope that is in  
you, with meekness and  
fear;"*



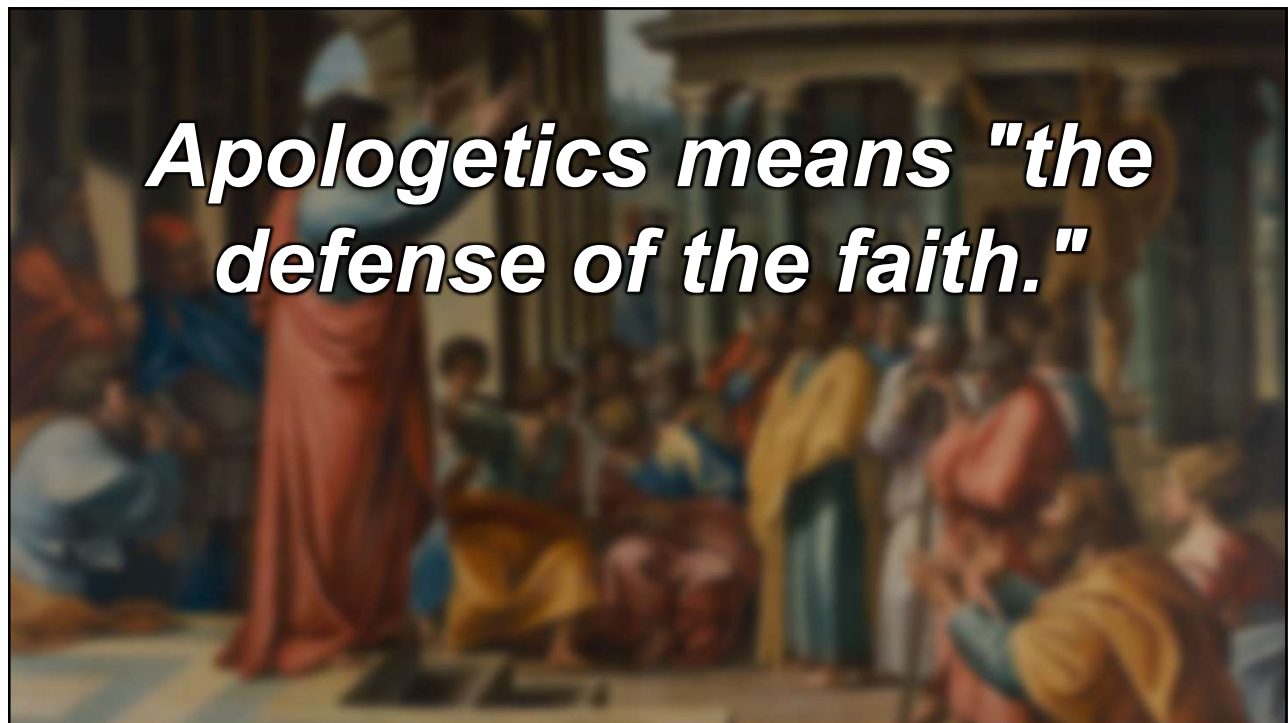
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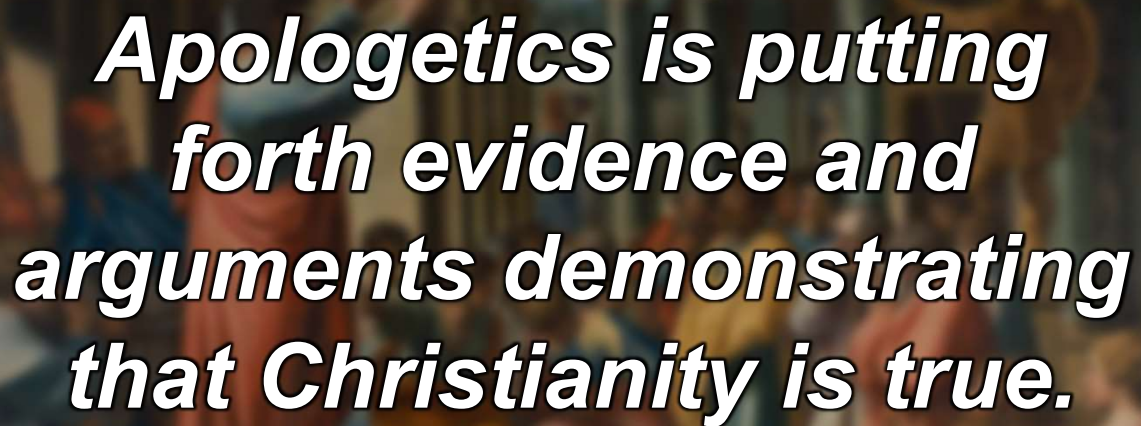
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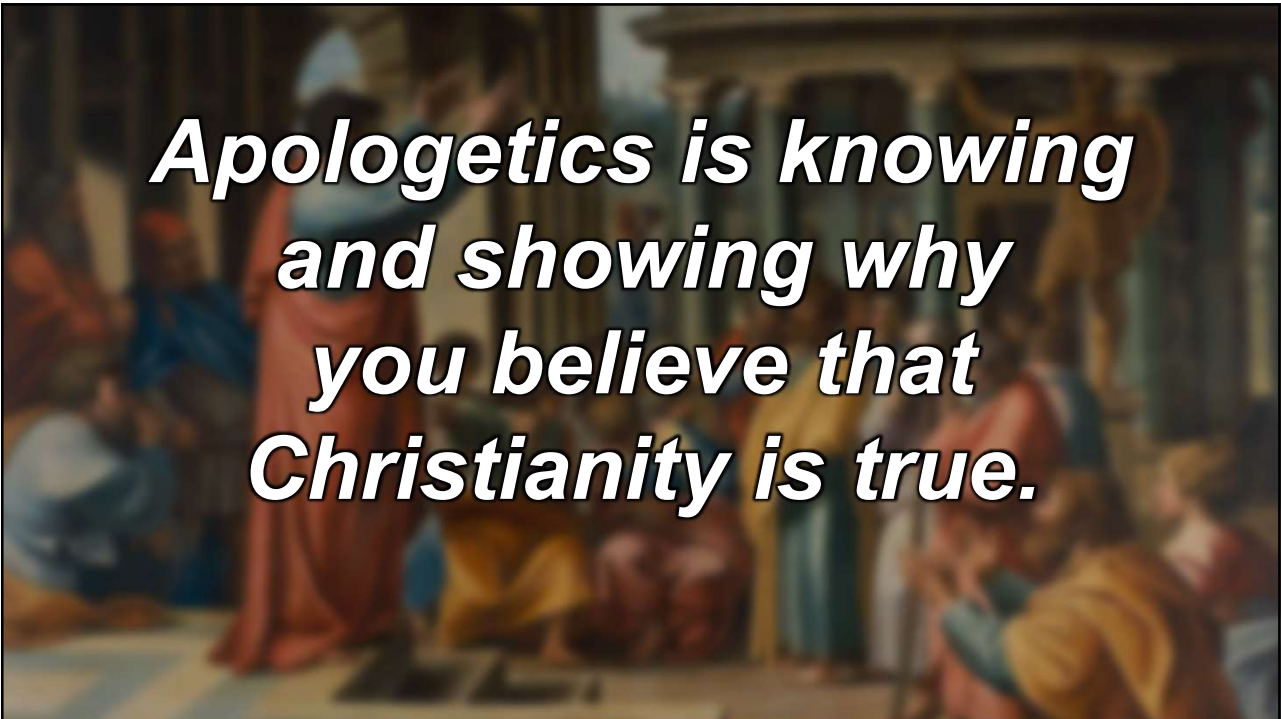
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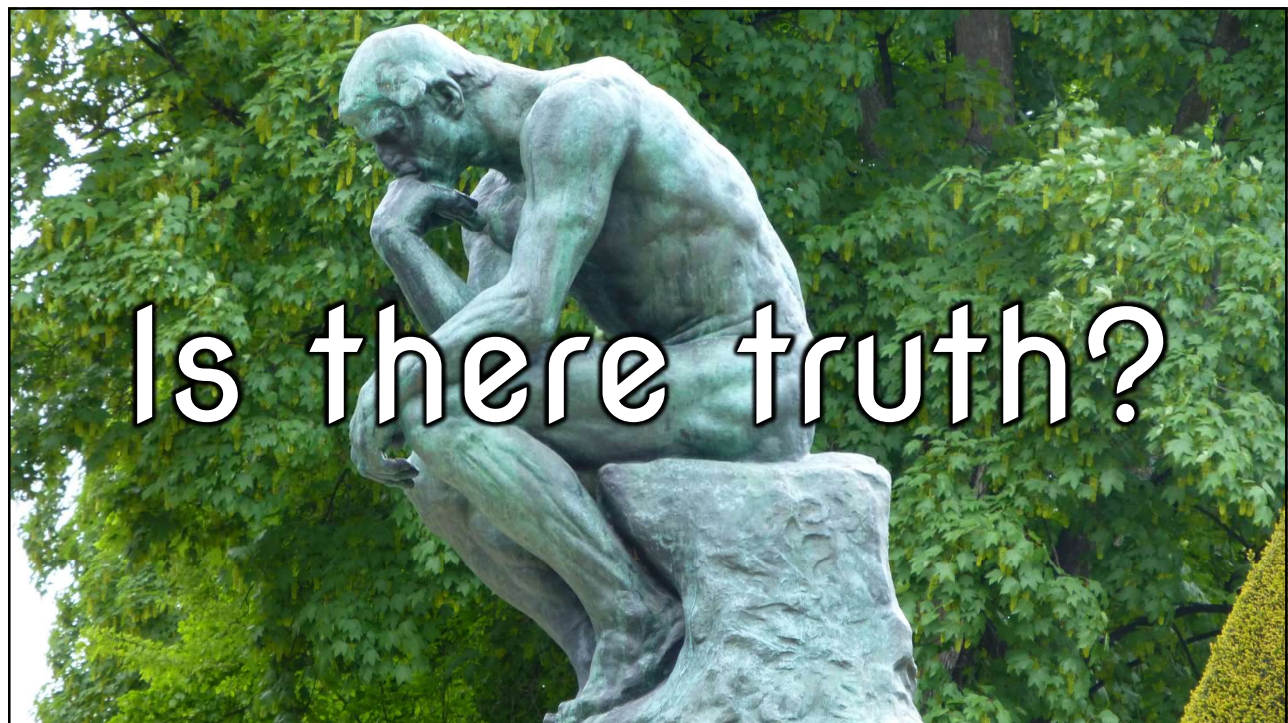


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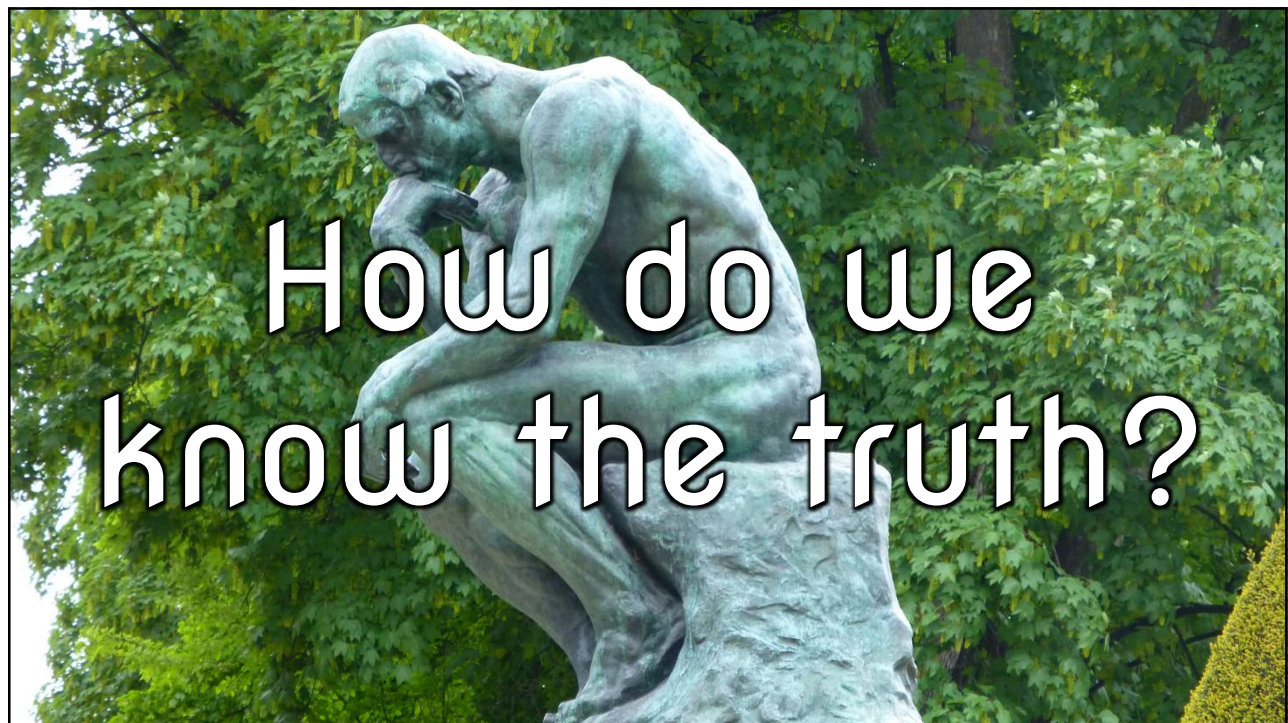
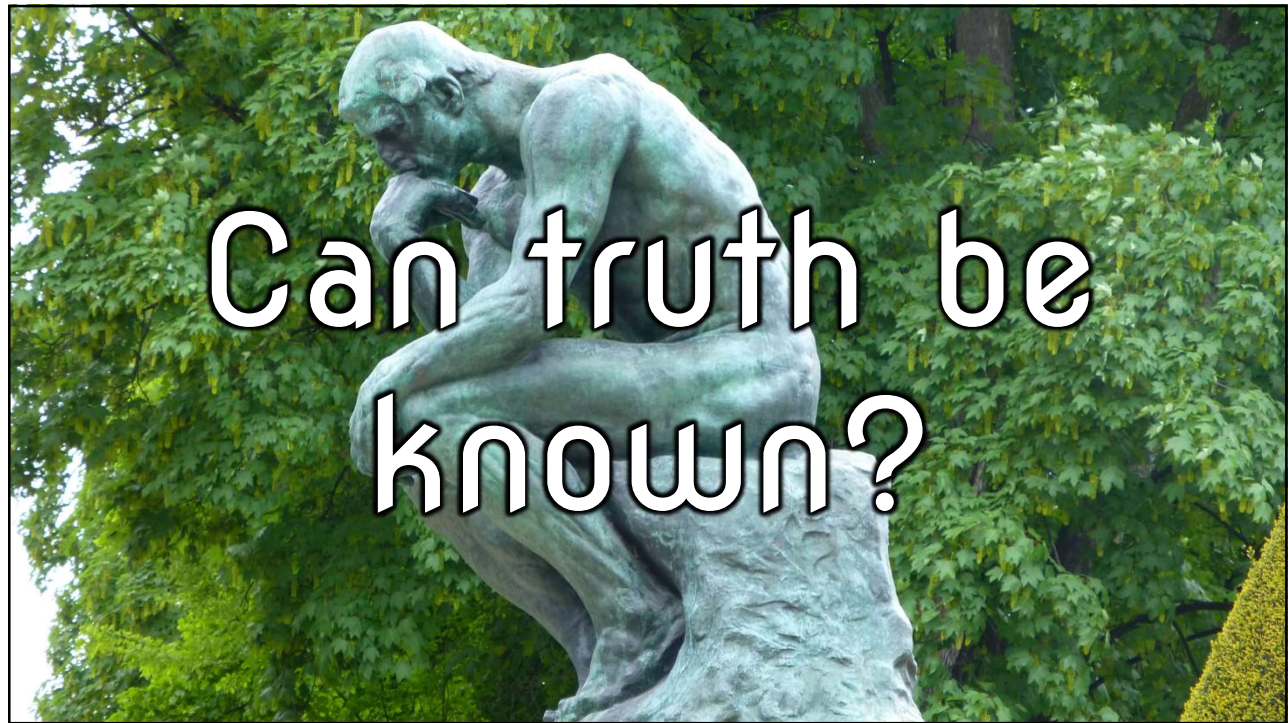


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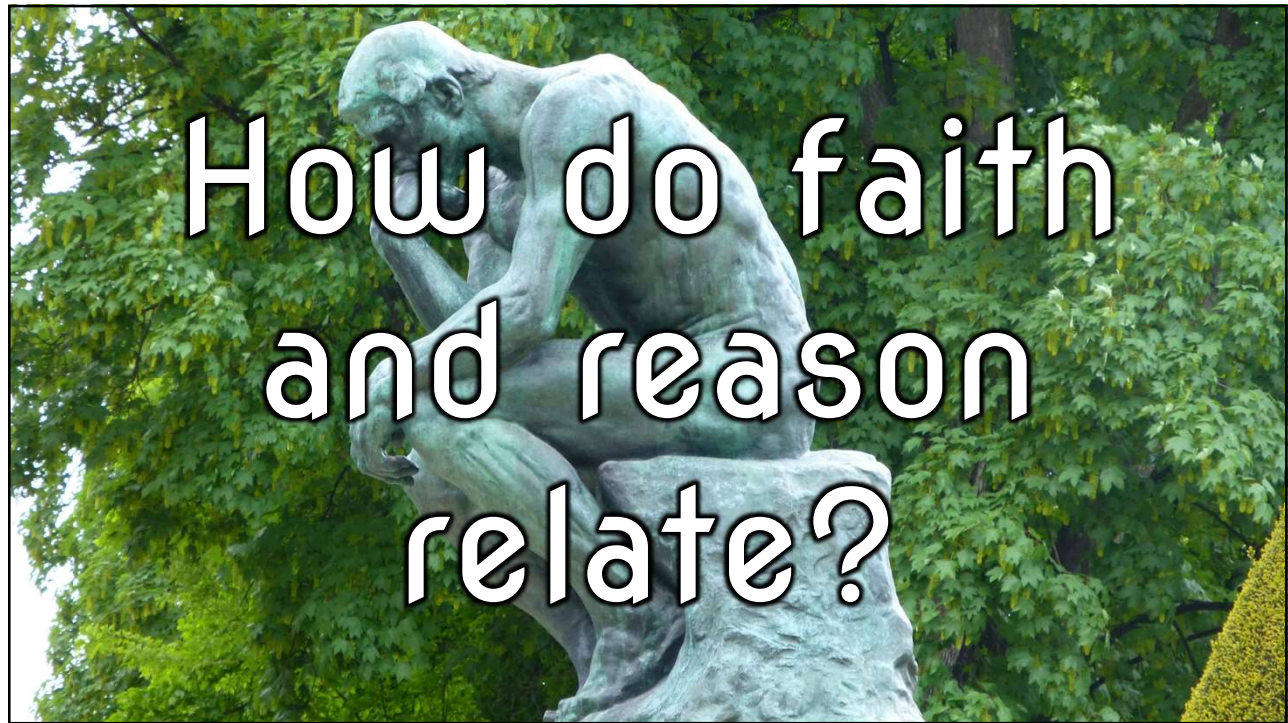






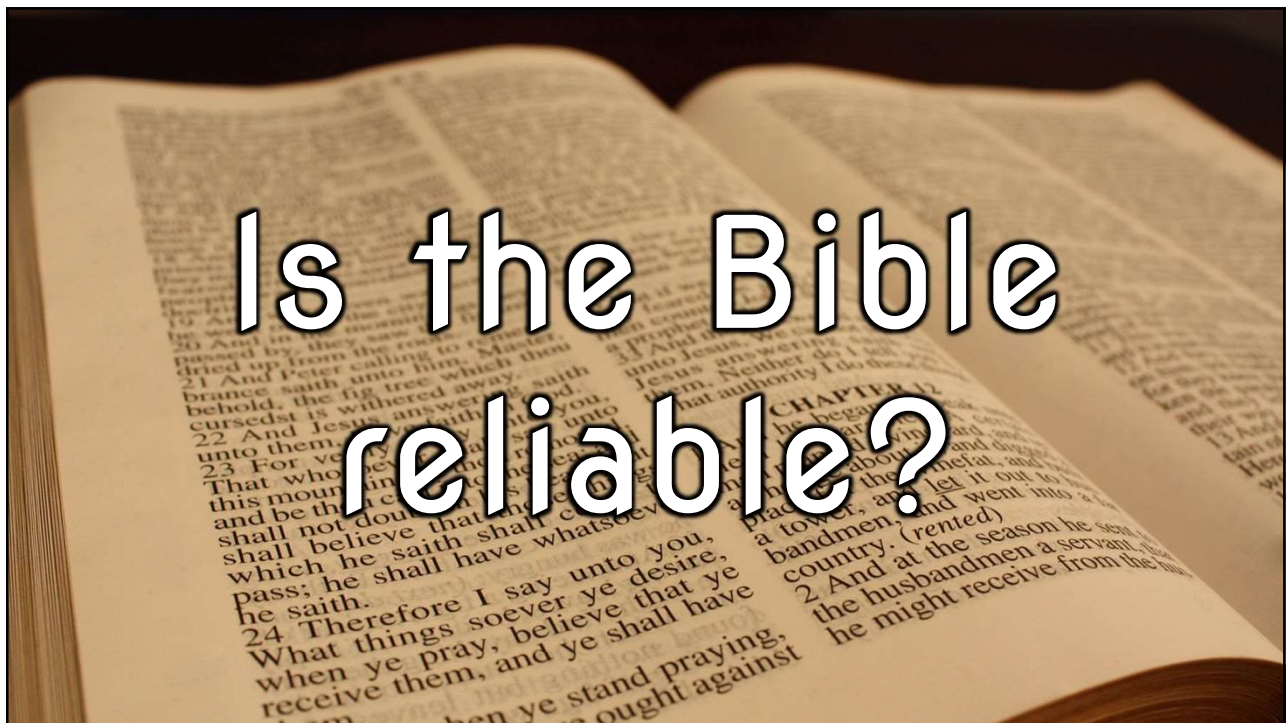
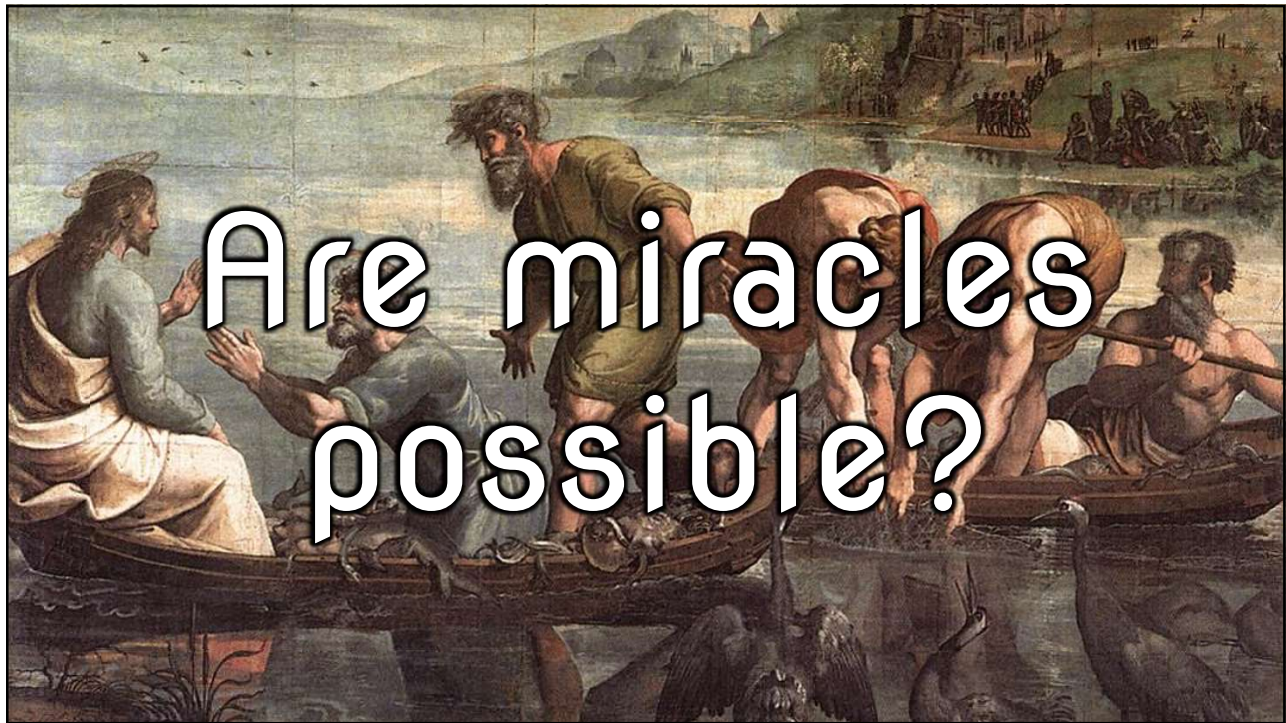


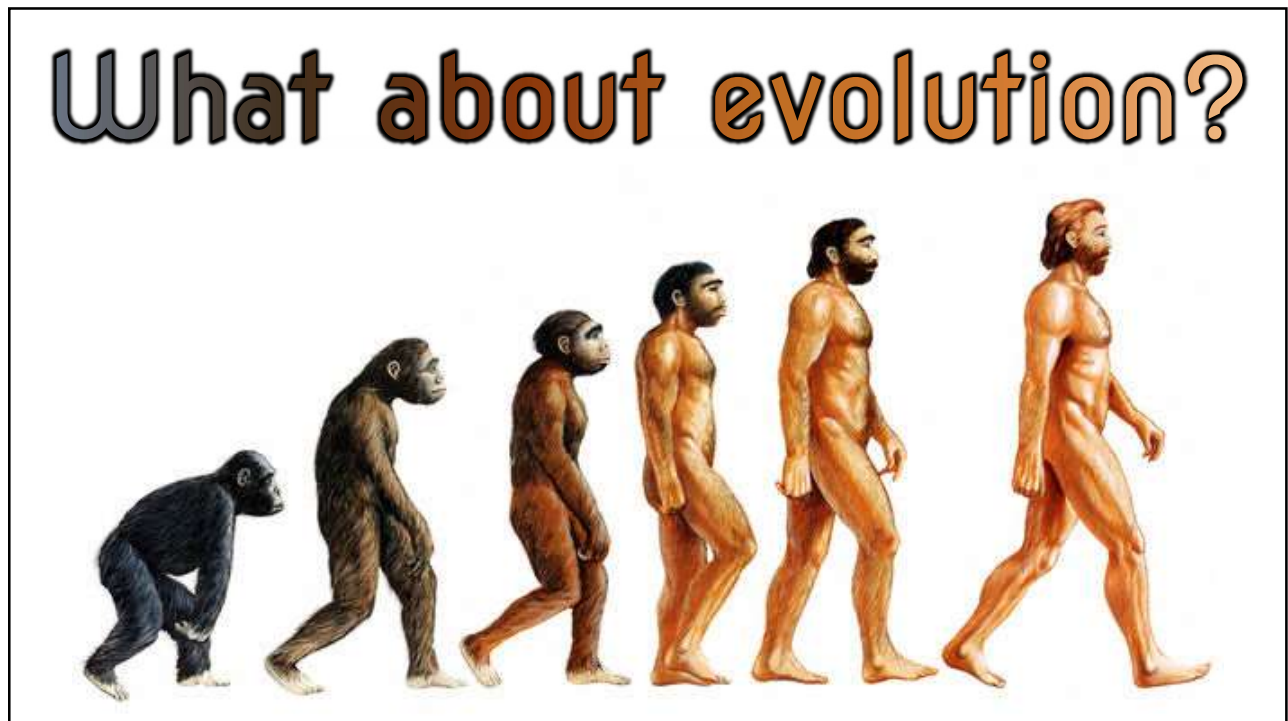
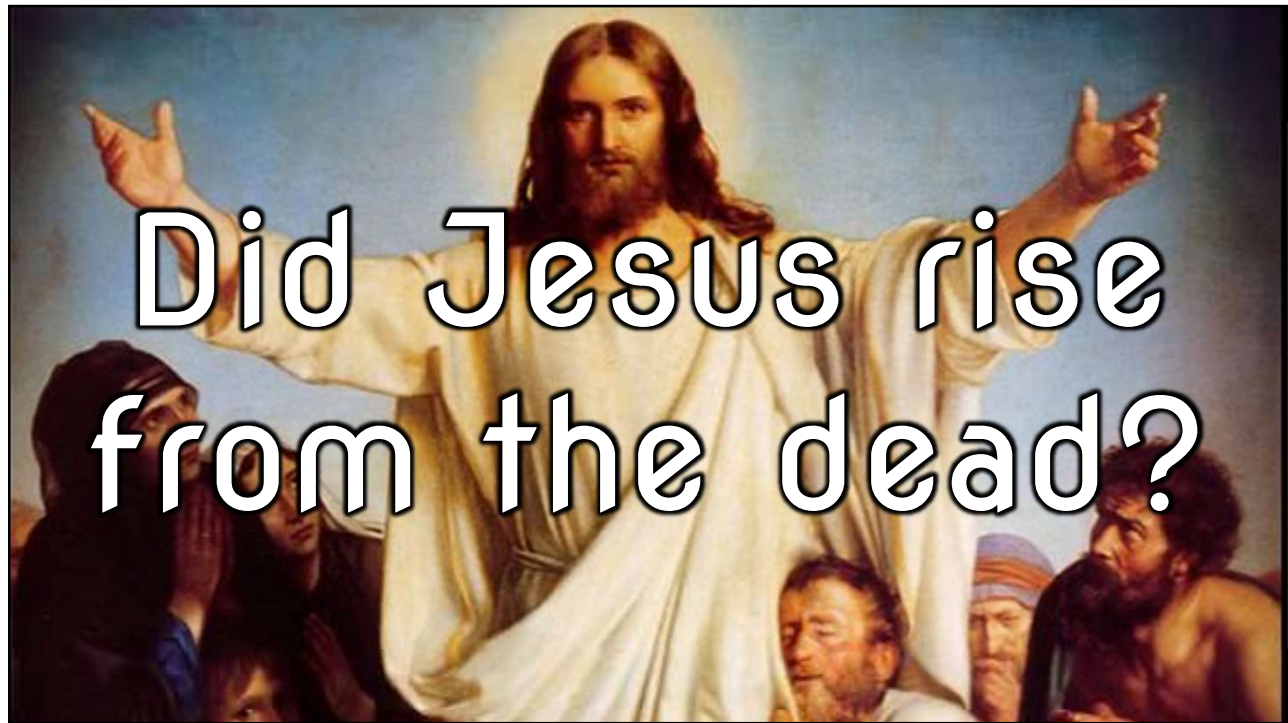




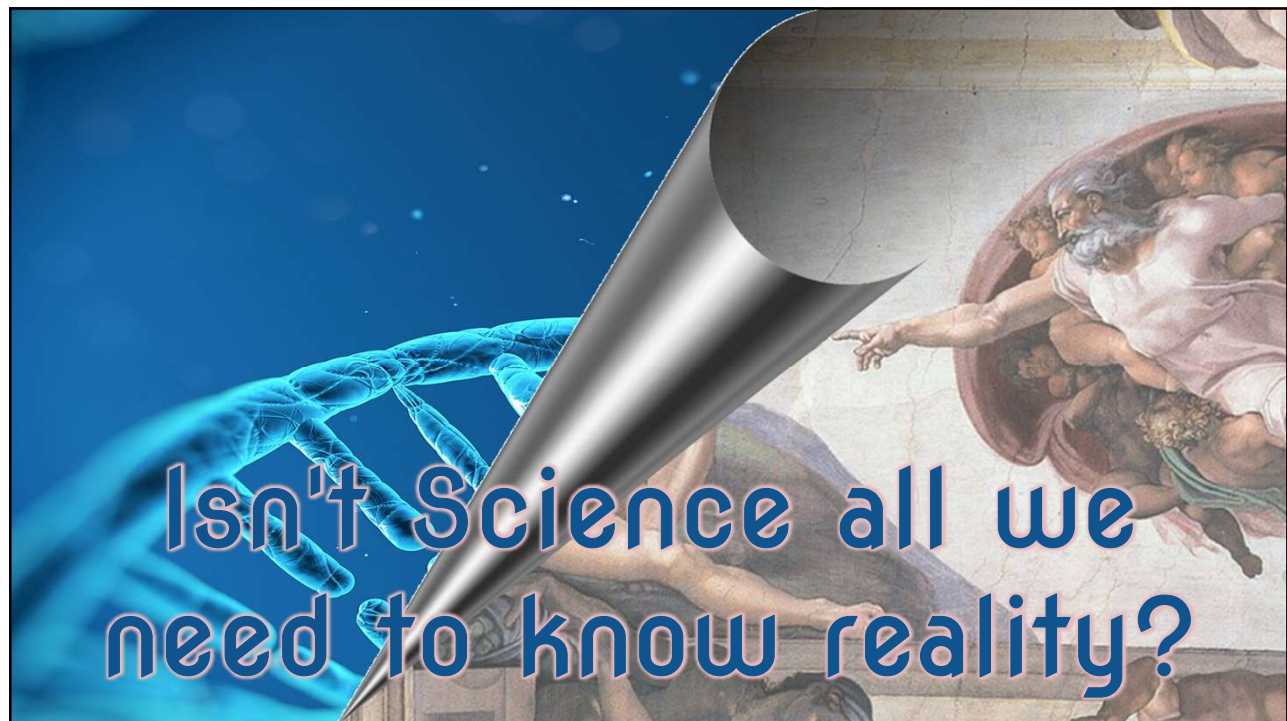
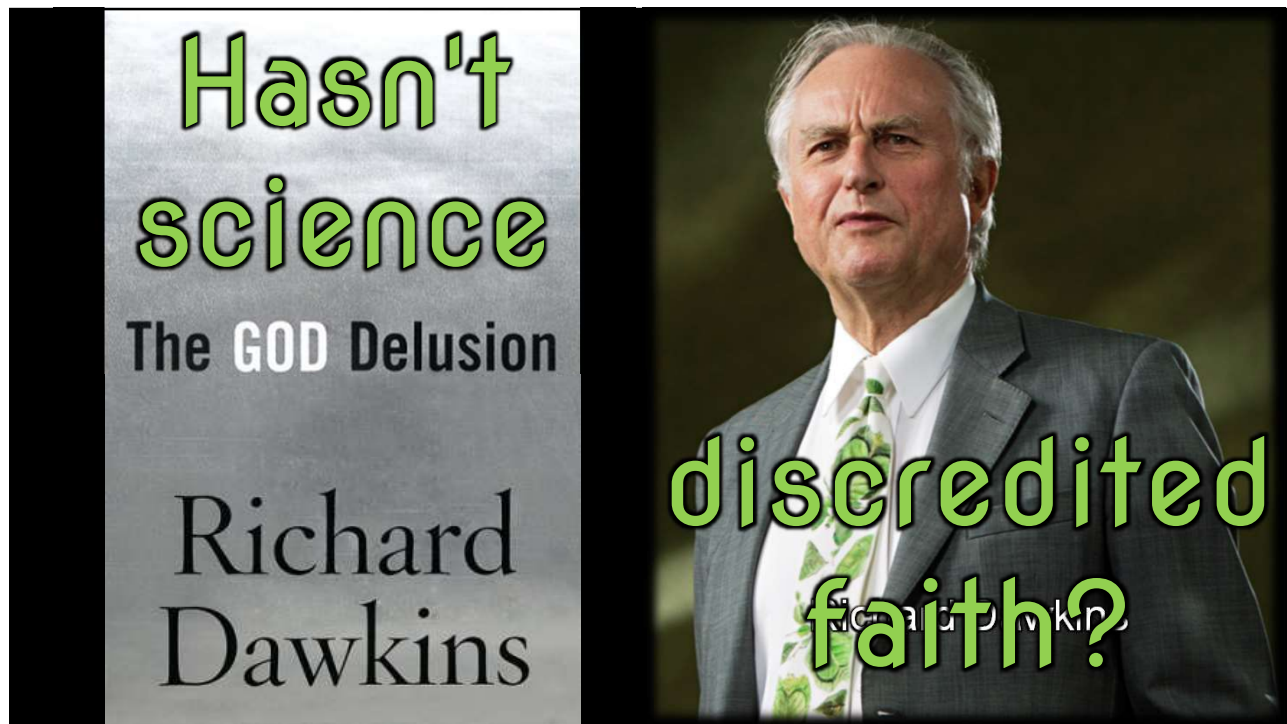


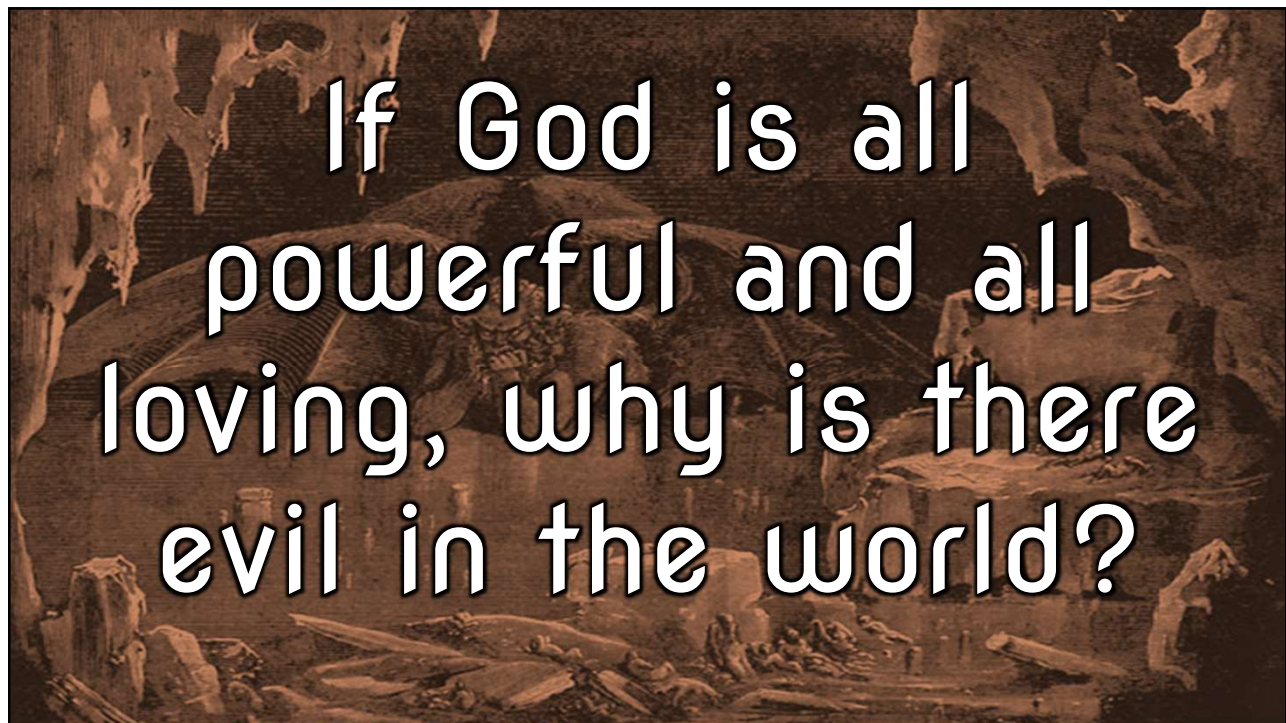
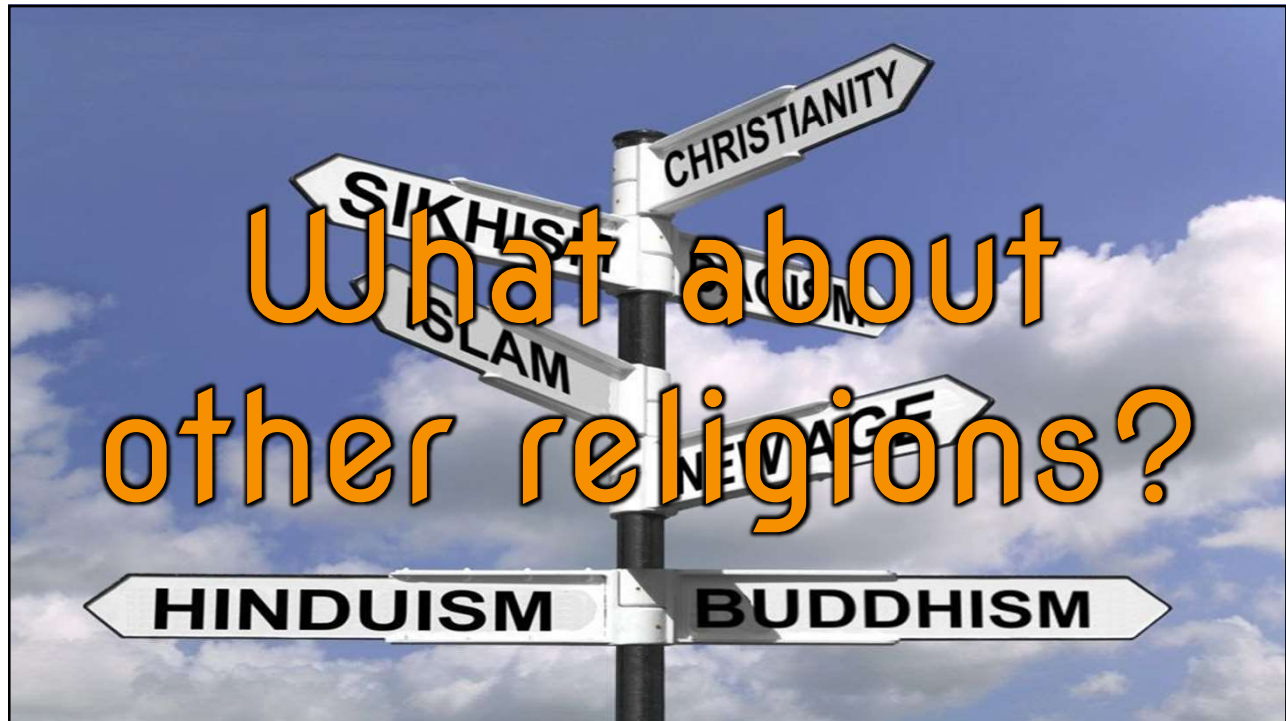
















# Why Should We Do Apologetics?

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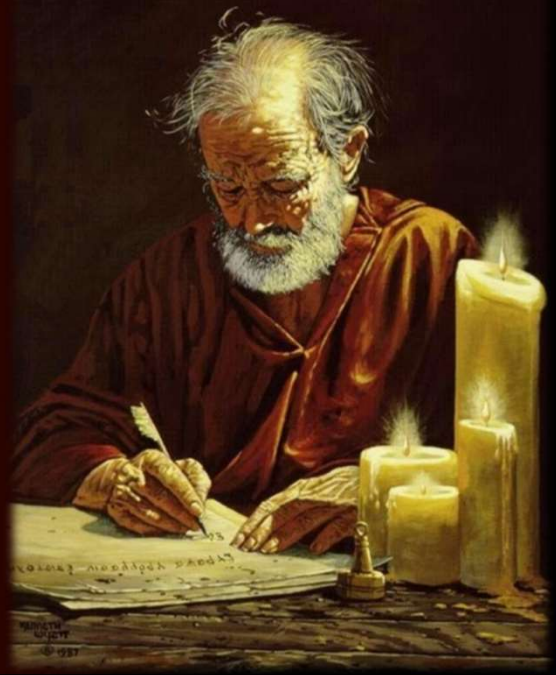
*The apostles engaged in  
defending the faith.*

*The evidence is strong for  
defending the faith.*

*The Bible is clear  
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the faith.*

*Beloved, while I was very diligent  
to write to you concerning our  
common salvation, I found it  
necessary to write to you  
exhorting you to contend earnestly  
for the faith which was once for  
all delivered to the saints.*

*Jude 3*



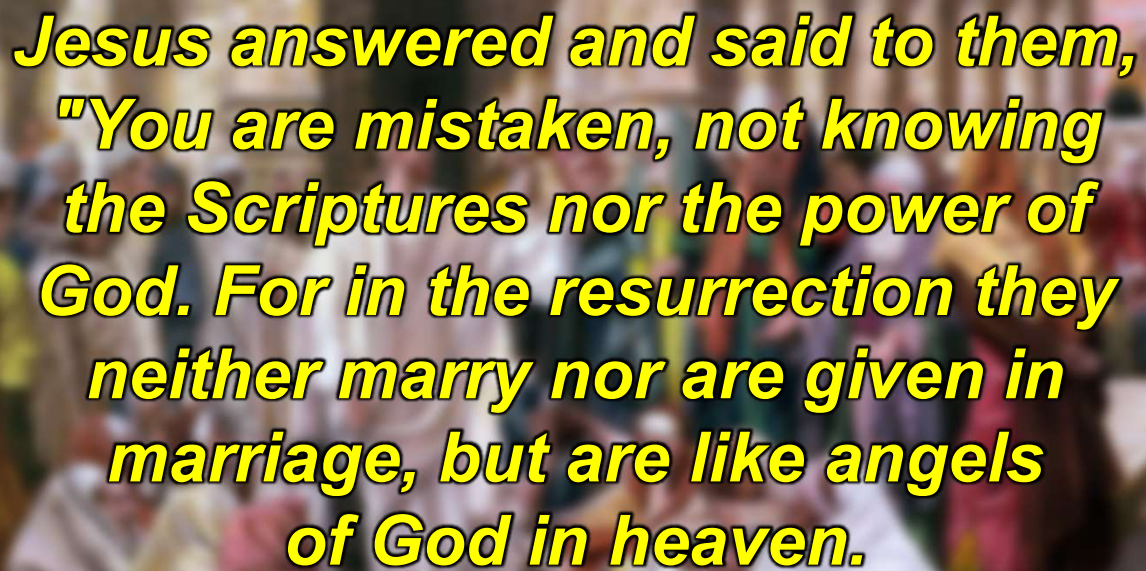




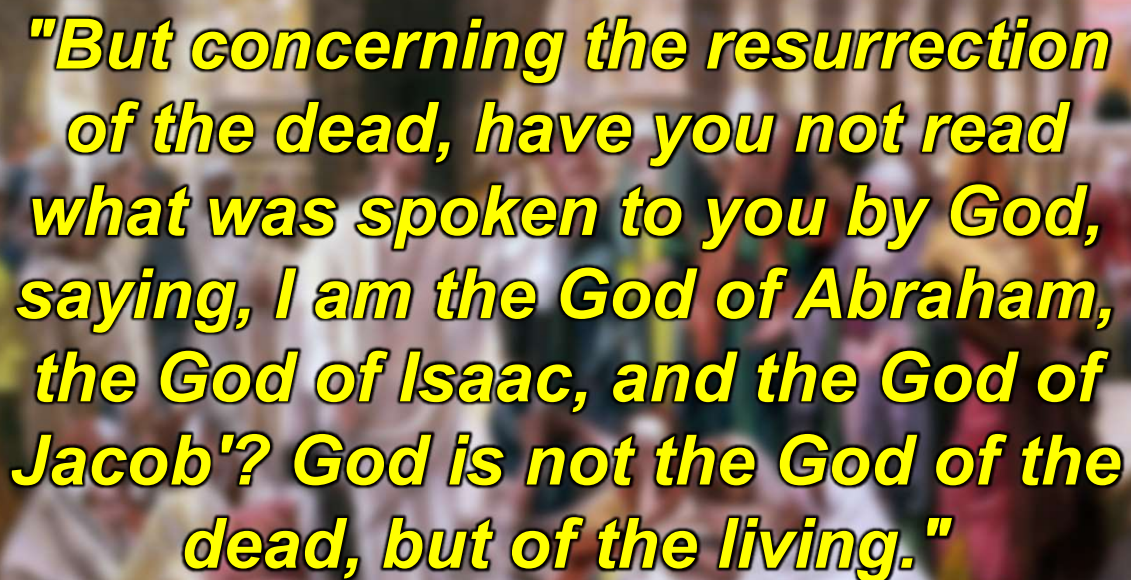
***"For there are many insubordinate, both idle talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, whose mouths must be stopped,"***

Titus 1:10-11a  
(cf. Matthew 22:29-34)





***Jesus answered and said to them,  
"You are mistaken, not knowing  
the Scriptures nor the power of  
God. For in the resurrection they  
neither marry nor are given in  
marriage, but are like angels  
of God in heaven."***



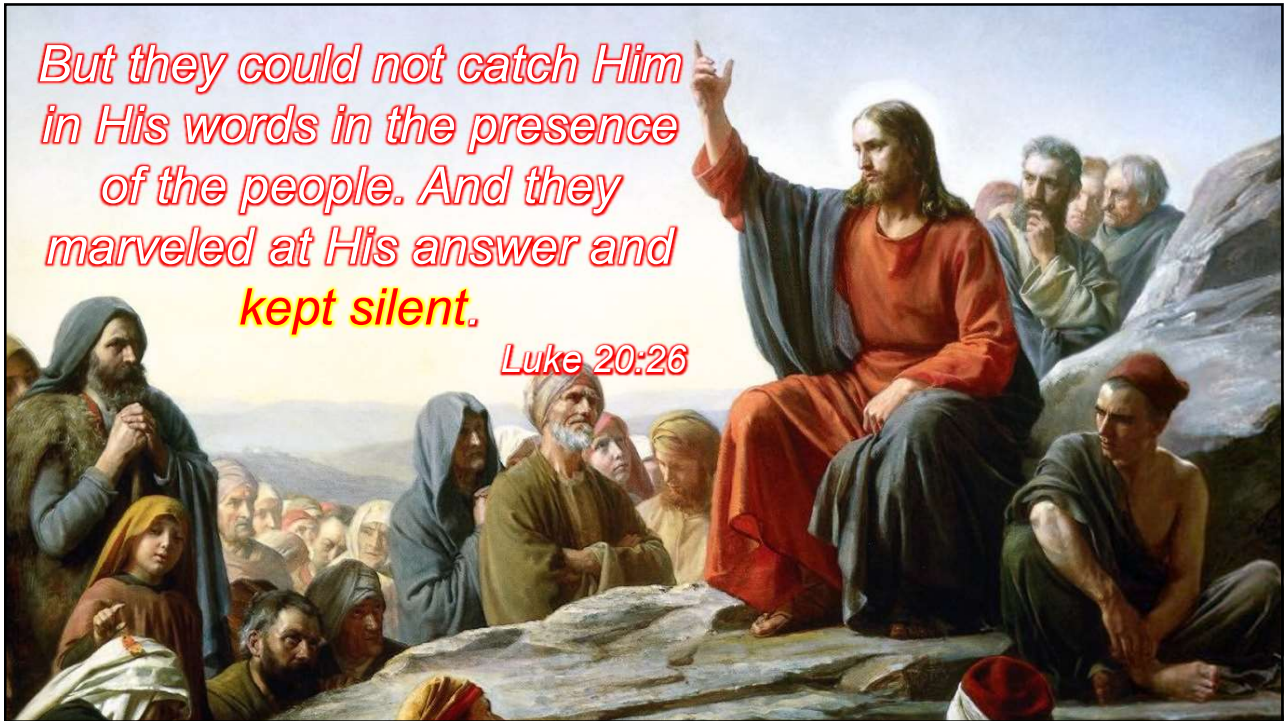
***"But concerning the resurrection  
of the dead, have you not read  
what was spoken to you by God,  
saying, I am the God of Abraham,  
the God of Isaac, and the God of  
Jacob'? God is not the God of the  
dead, but of the living."***



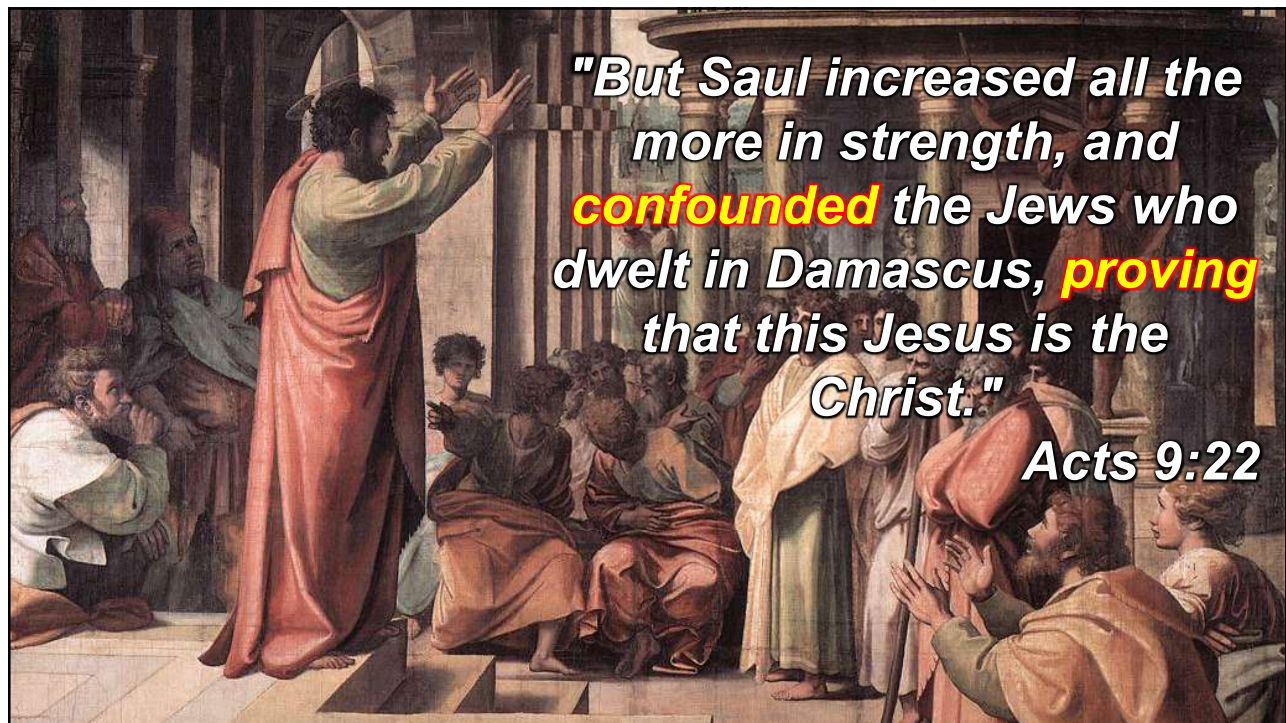
*And when the multitudes heard this, they were astonished at His teaching. But when the Pharisees heard that He had **silenced the Sadducees**, they gathered together.*

*But they could not catch Him in His words in the presence of the people. And they marveled at His answer and **kept silent.***

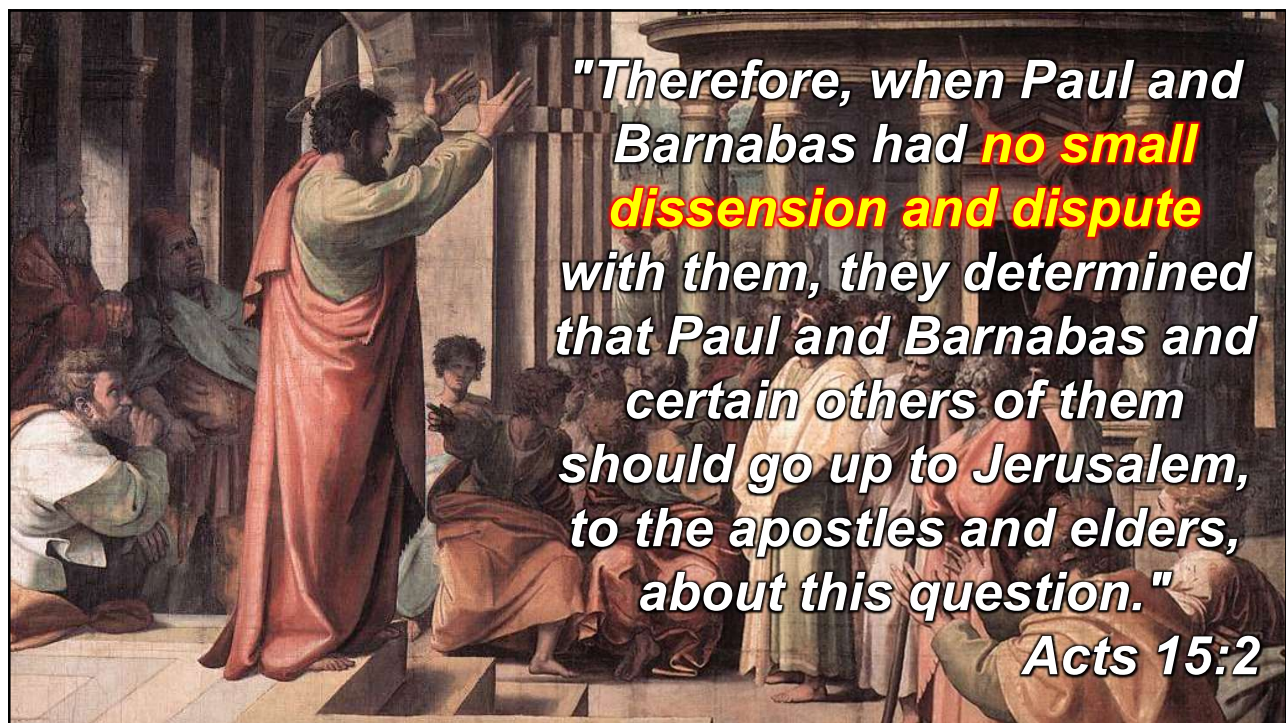
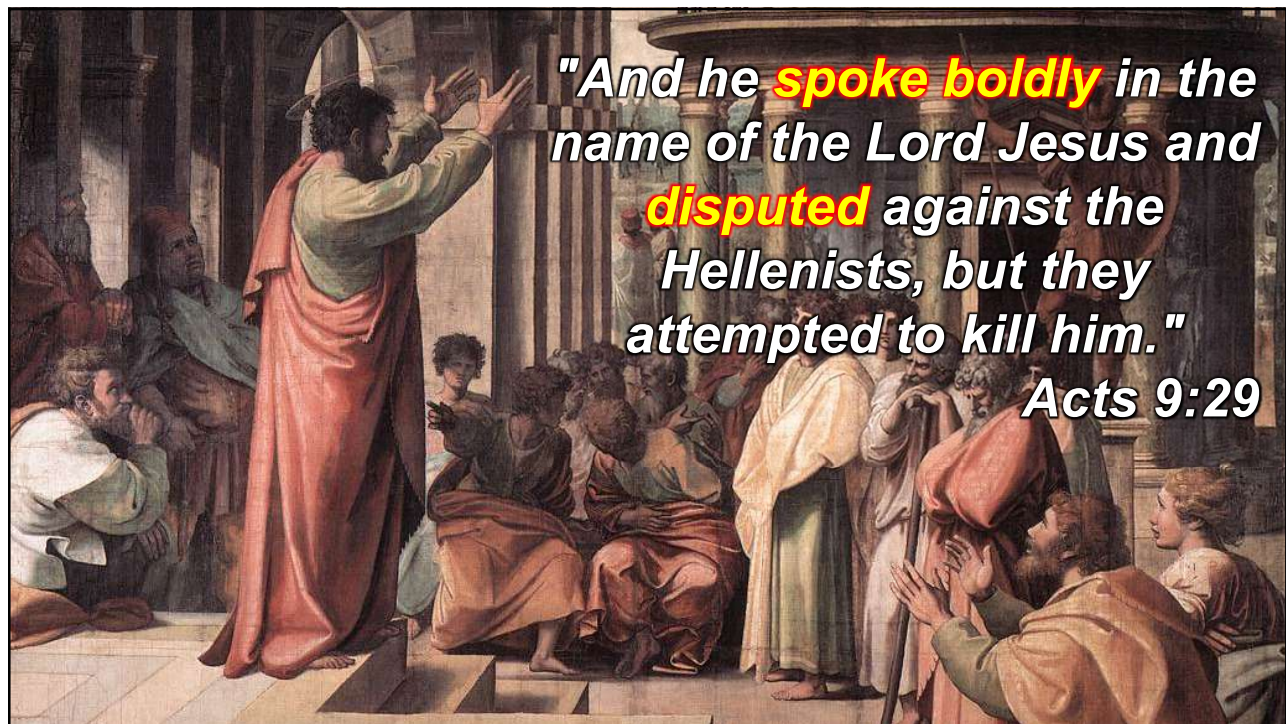
*Luke 20:26*



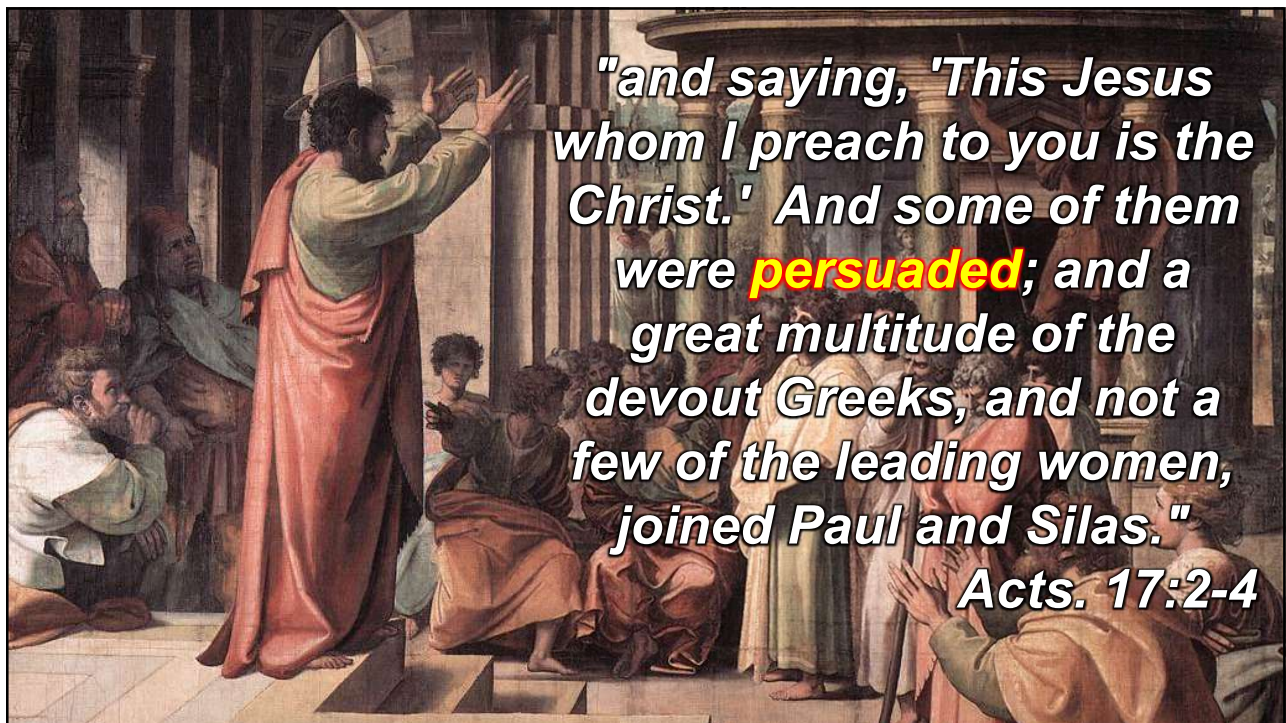
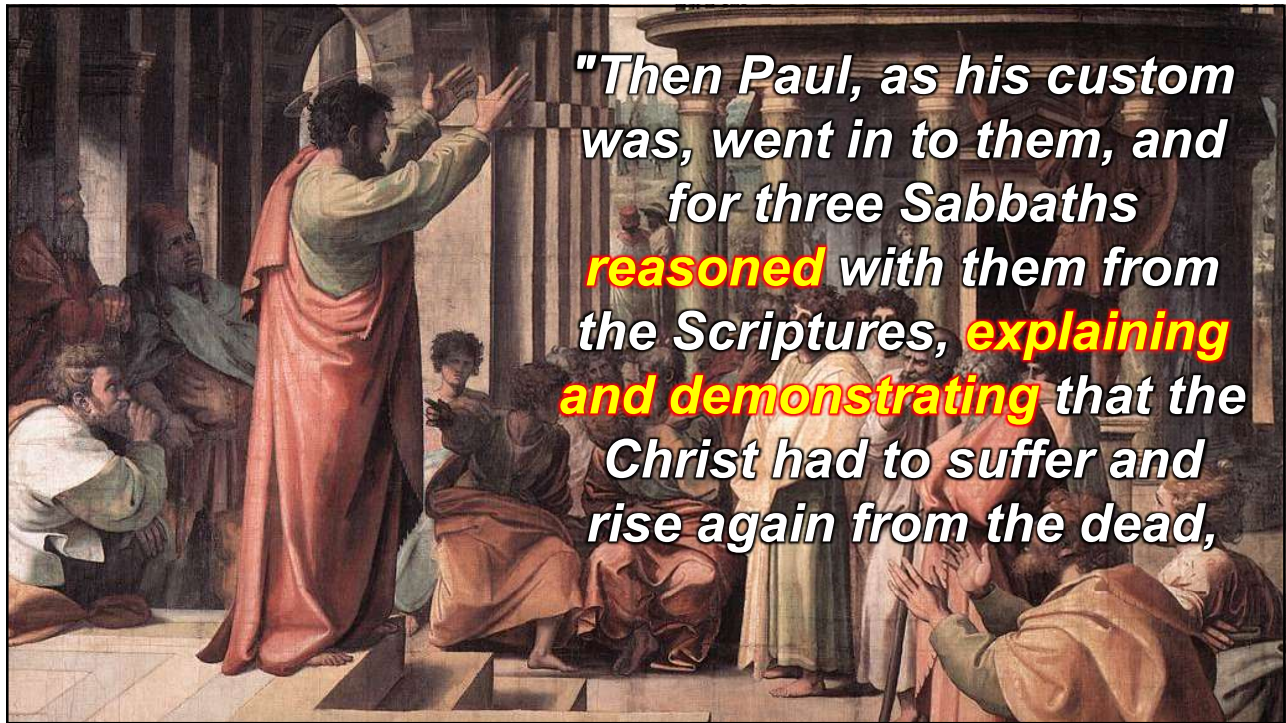
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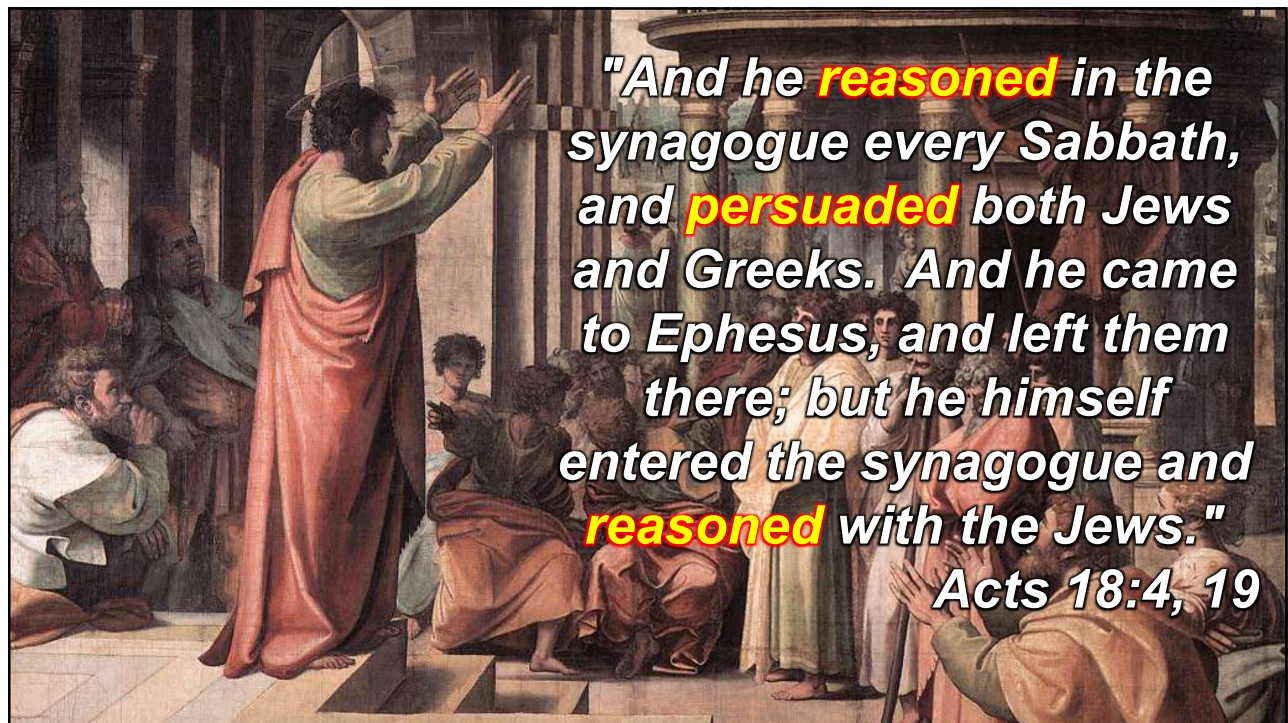
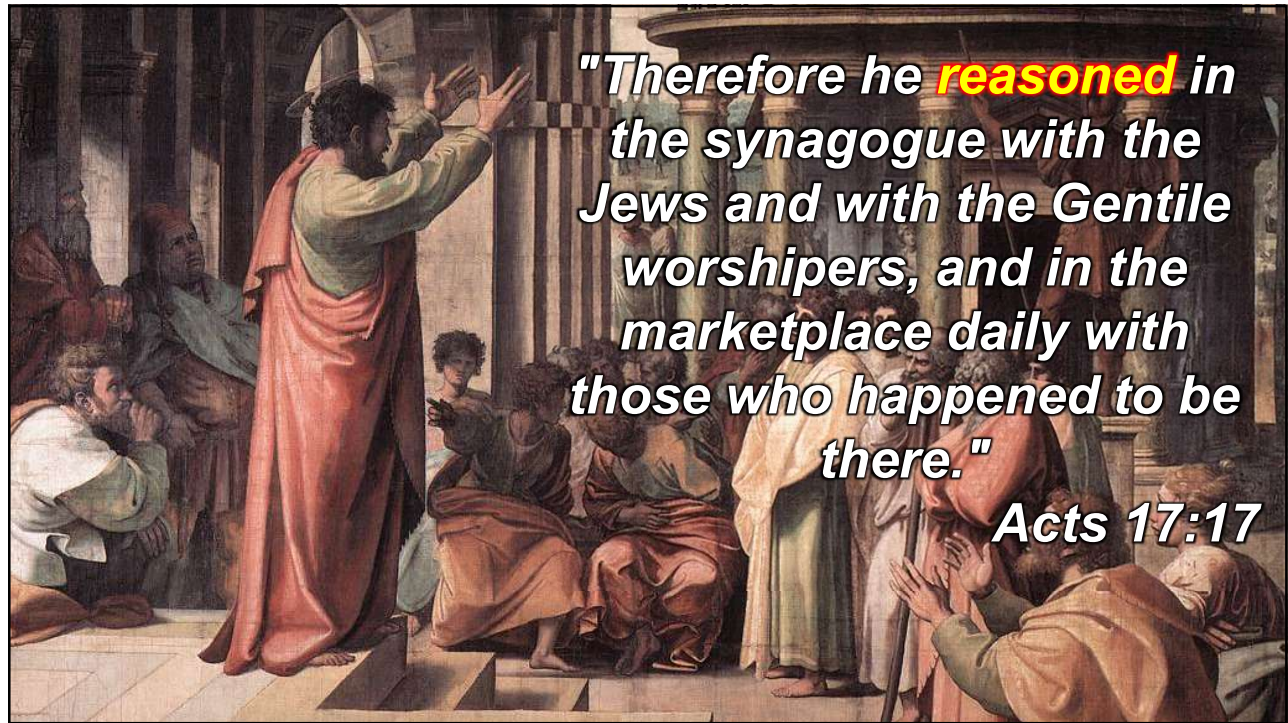




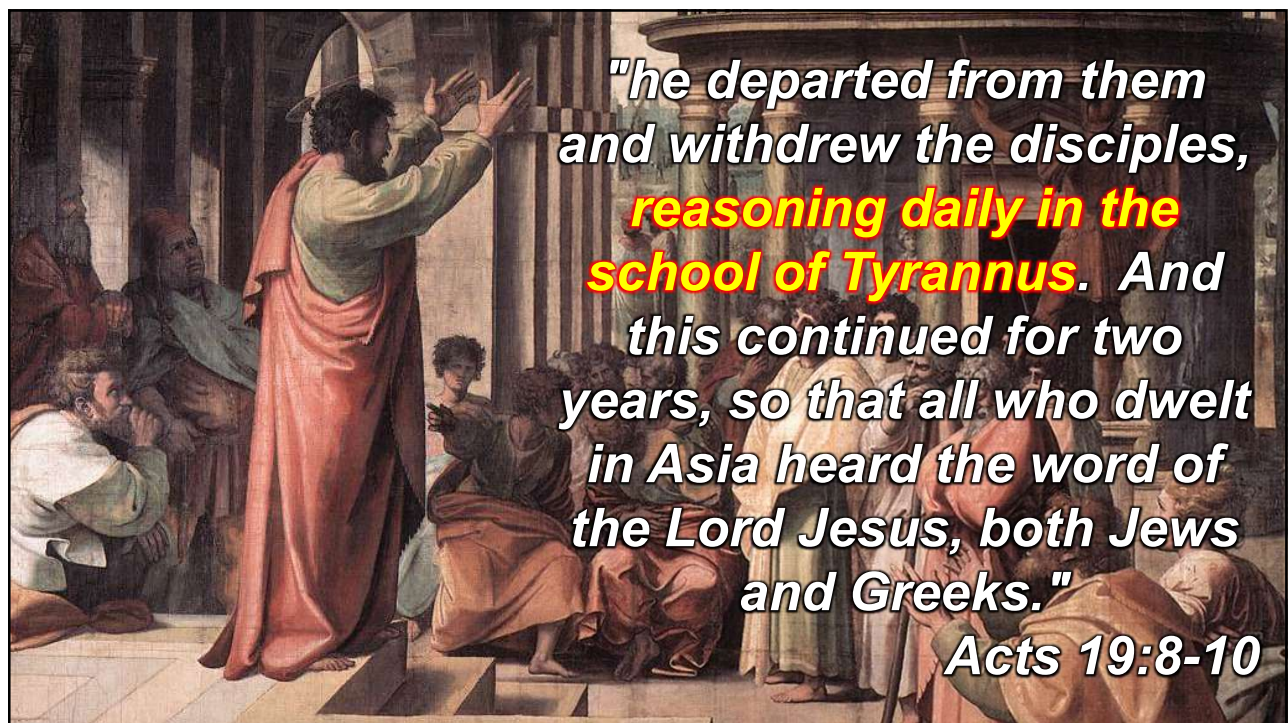
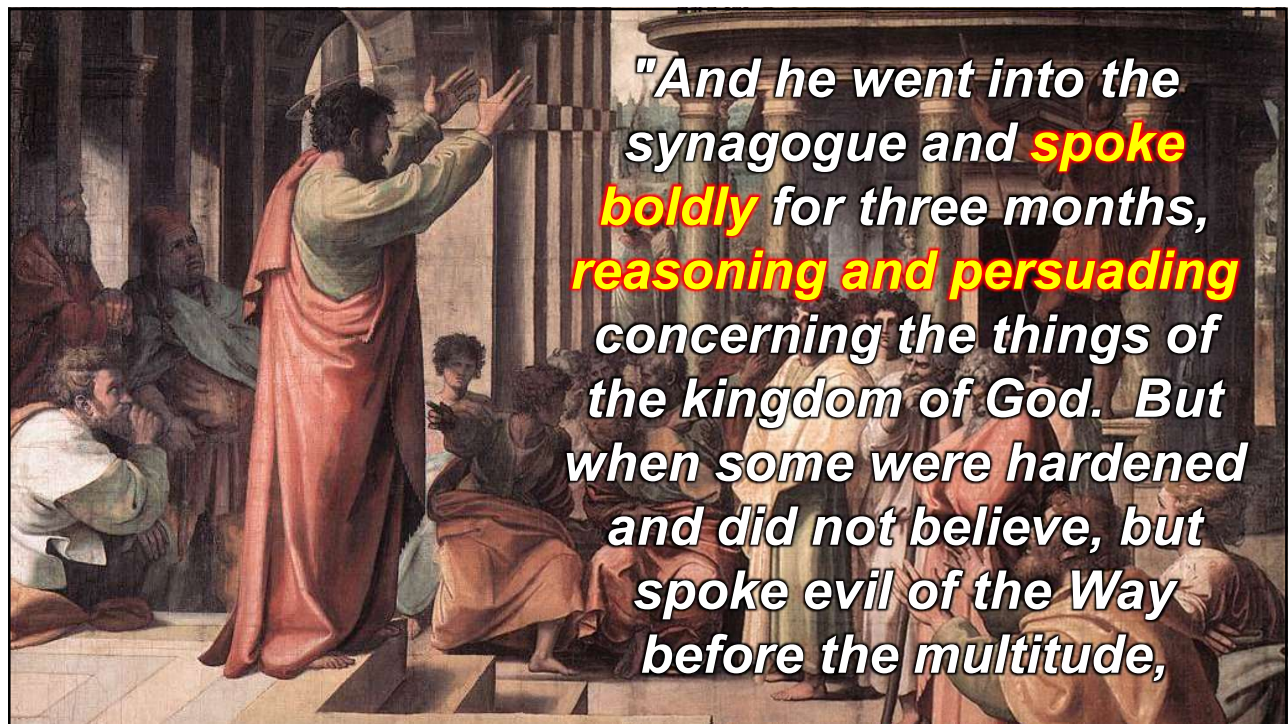




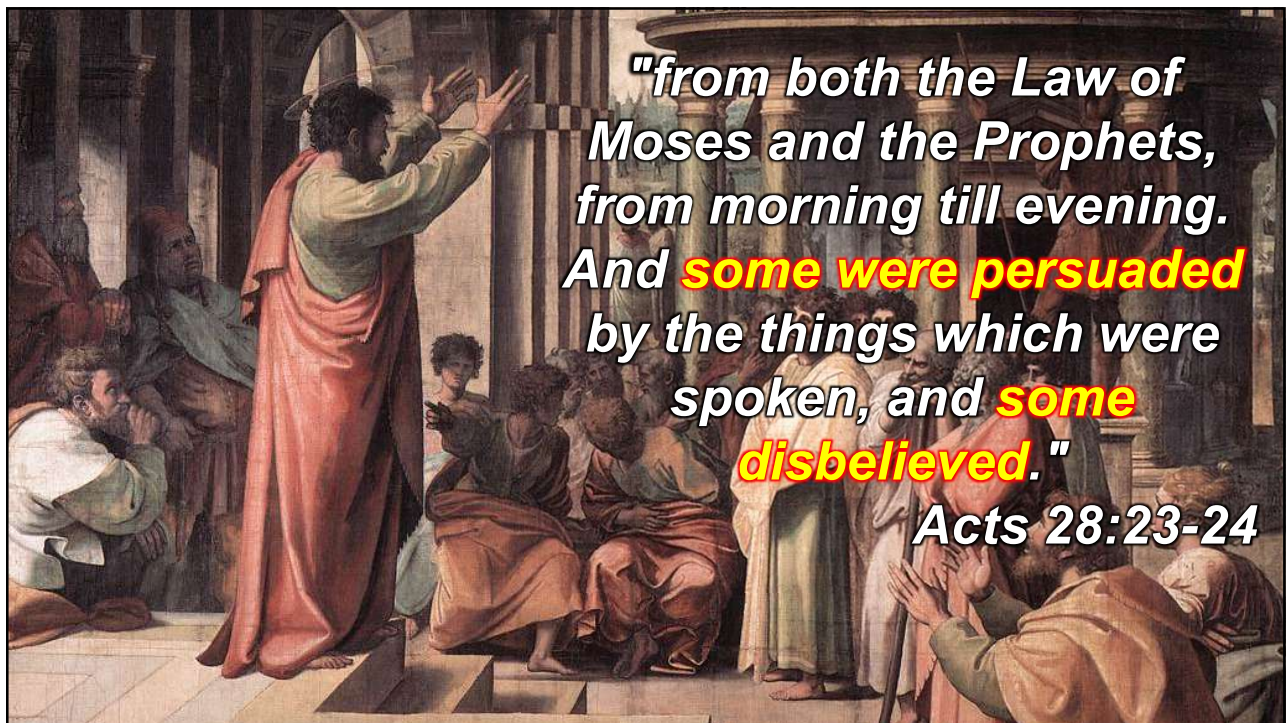
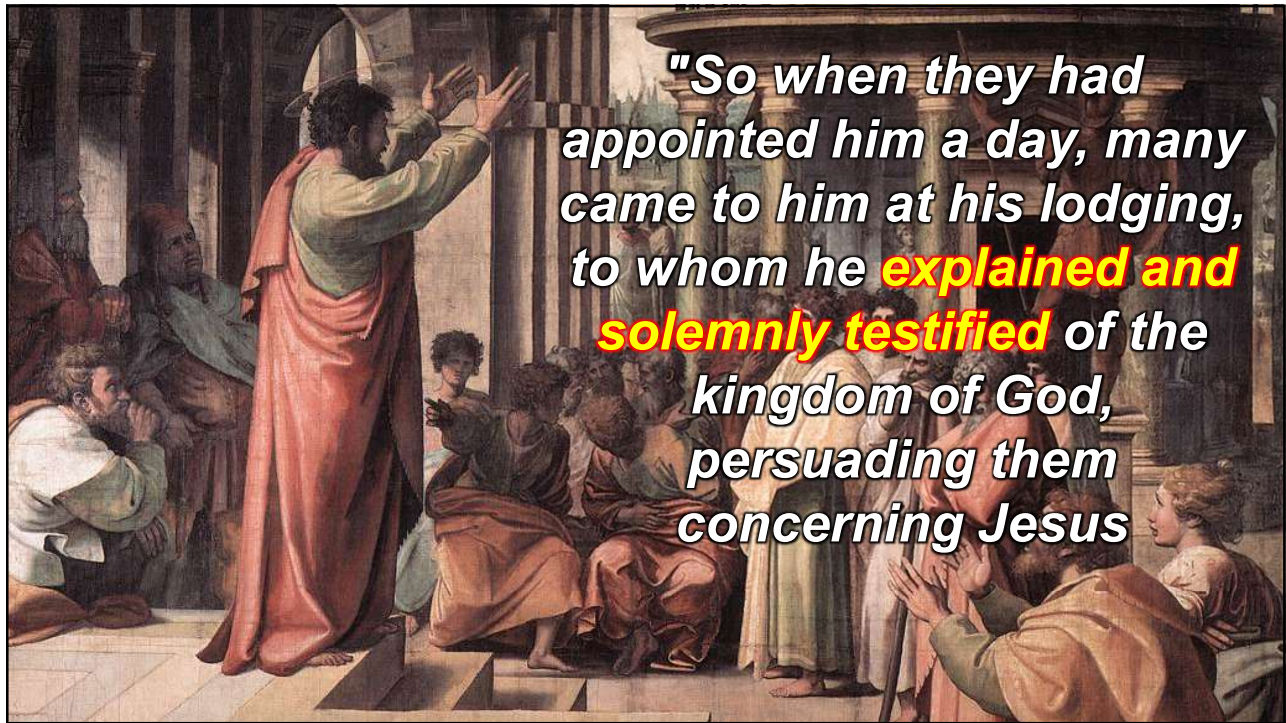












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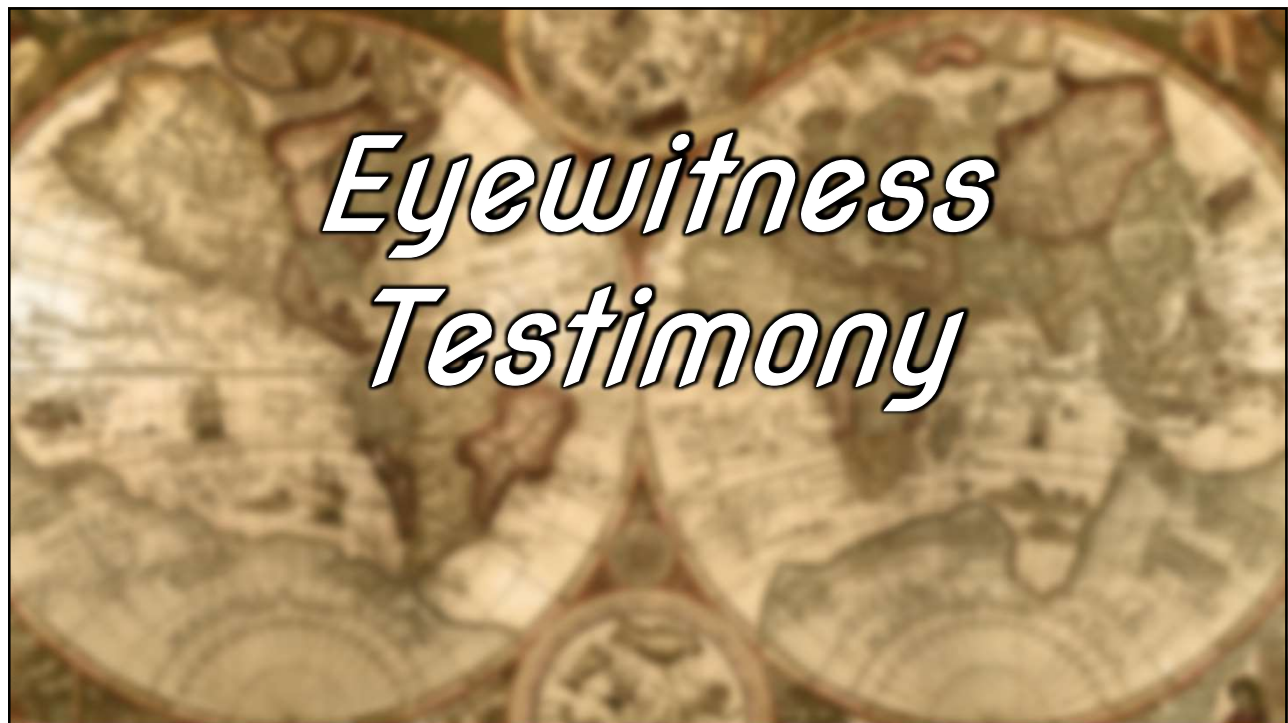
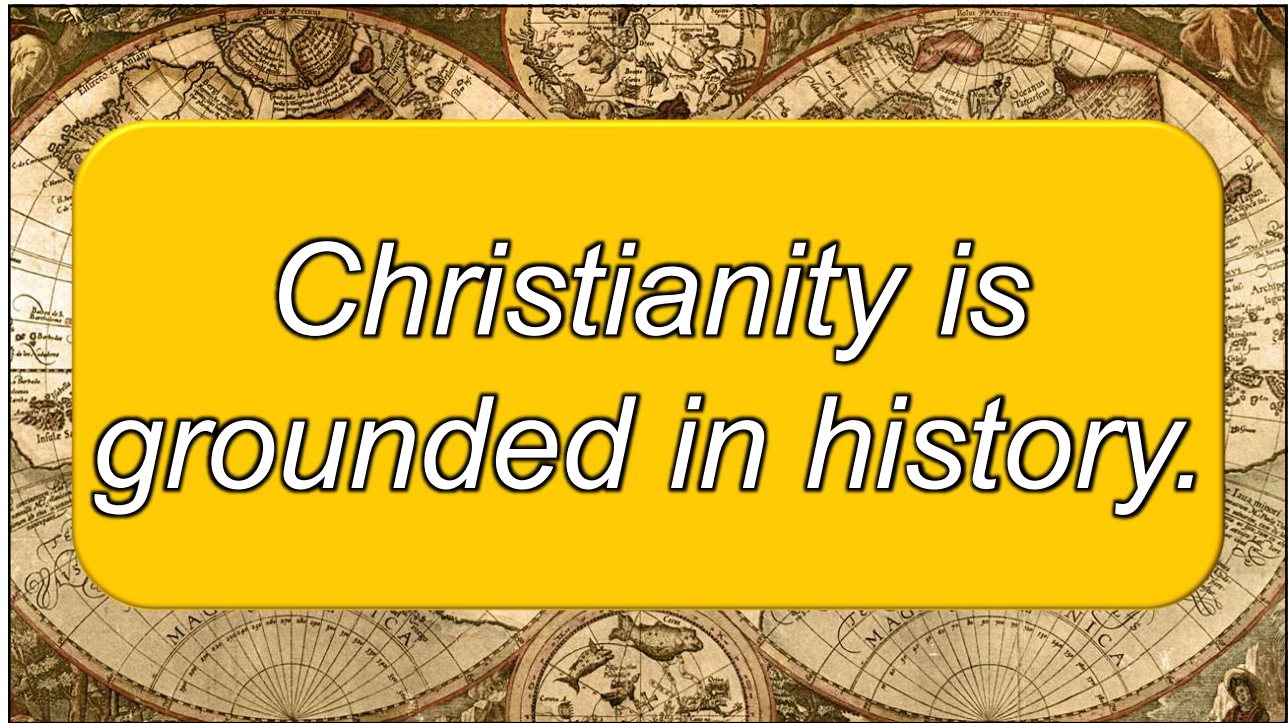
*Christianity is  
corroborated by science.*



*Christianity is  
supported by  
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*Truth  
Knowledge  
Worldview  
Morality  
Existence of God  
Attributes of God  
Problem of Evil  
Nature of Science*







***"For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty."***

***2 Peter 1:16***



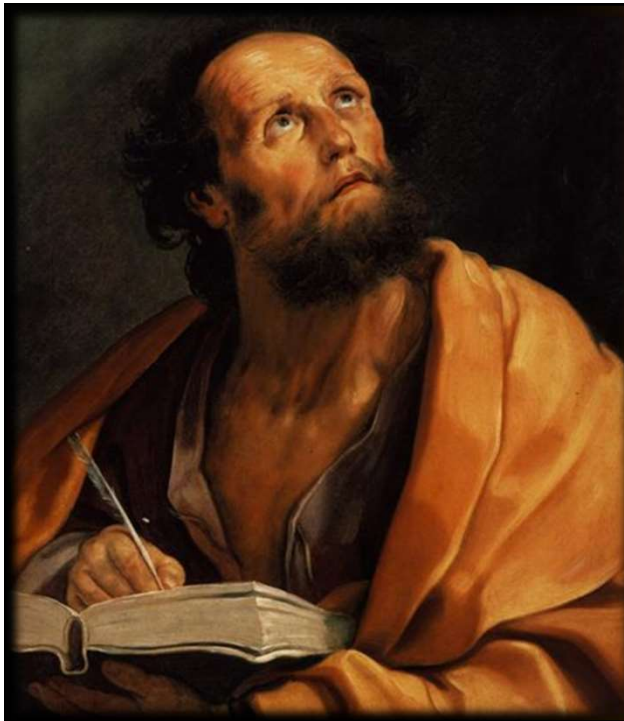
***"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life; the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness,***





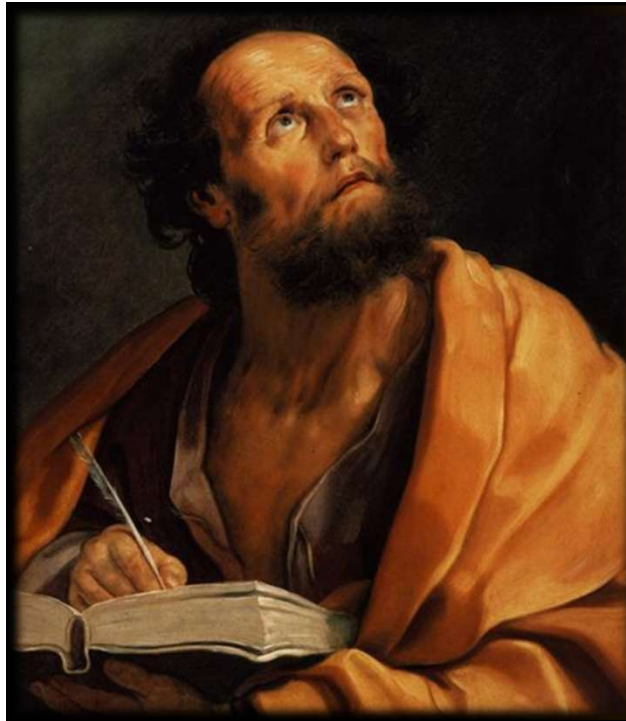
***"and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us; that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ."***

***1 John 1:1-3***



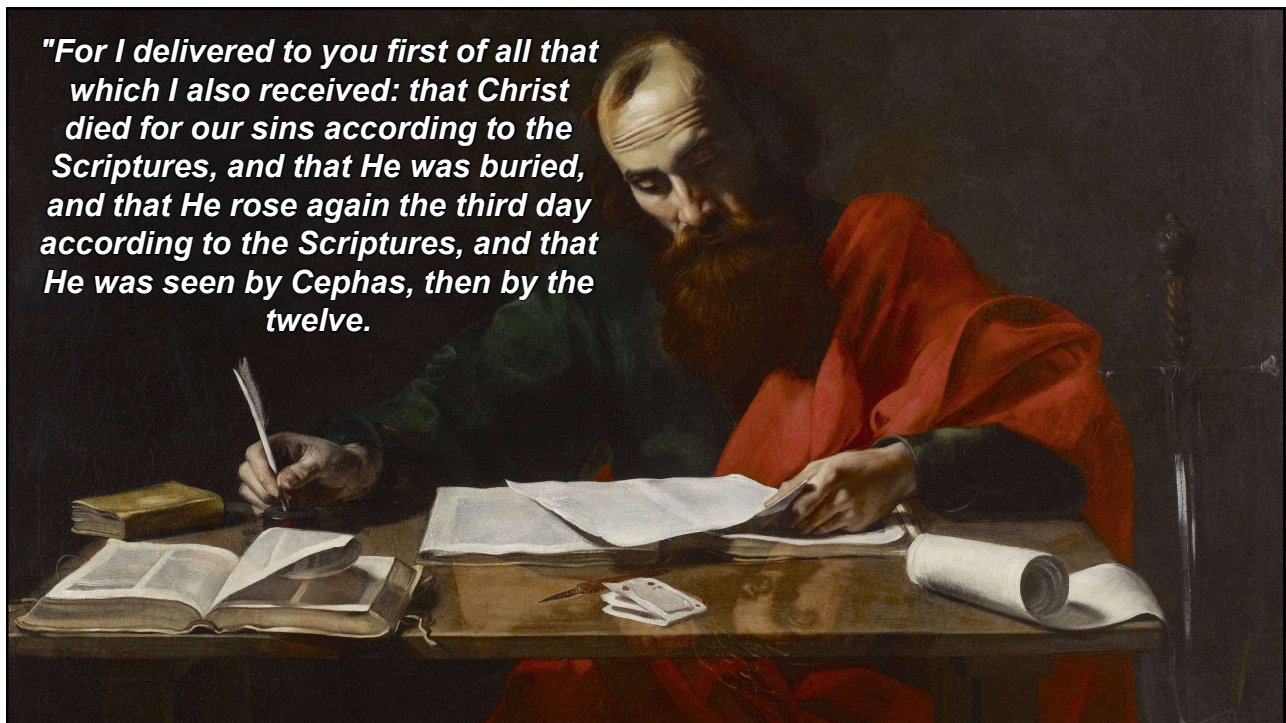
***"Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which are most surely believed among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word delivered them to us,***





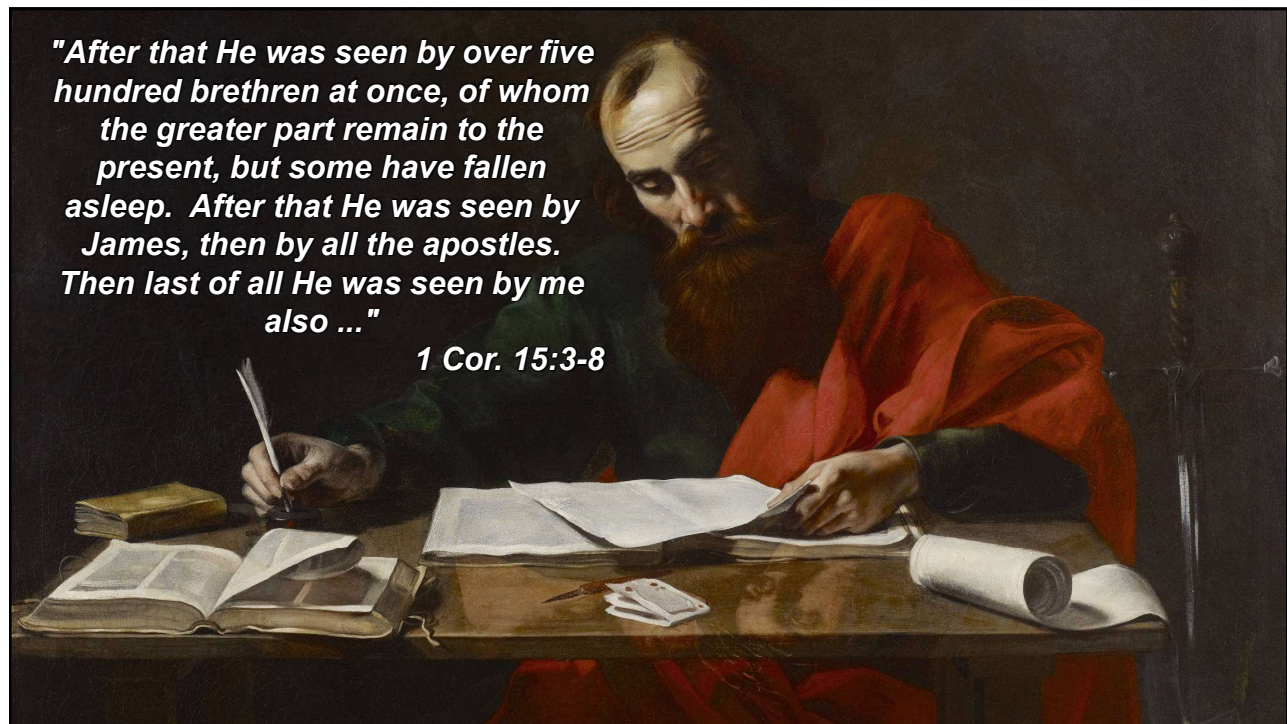
***"it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write to you an orderly account, most excellent Theophilus, that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed."***

***Luke 1:1-4***



***"For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve."***





*"After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also ..."*

*1 Cor. 15:3-8*

**Notice the Argument of  
1 Cor. 15**

**"... Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen ..."**

❖ Christ Died

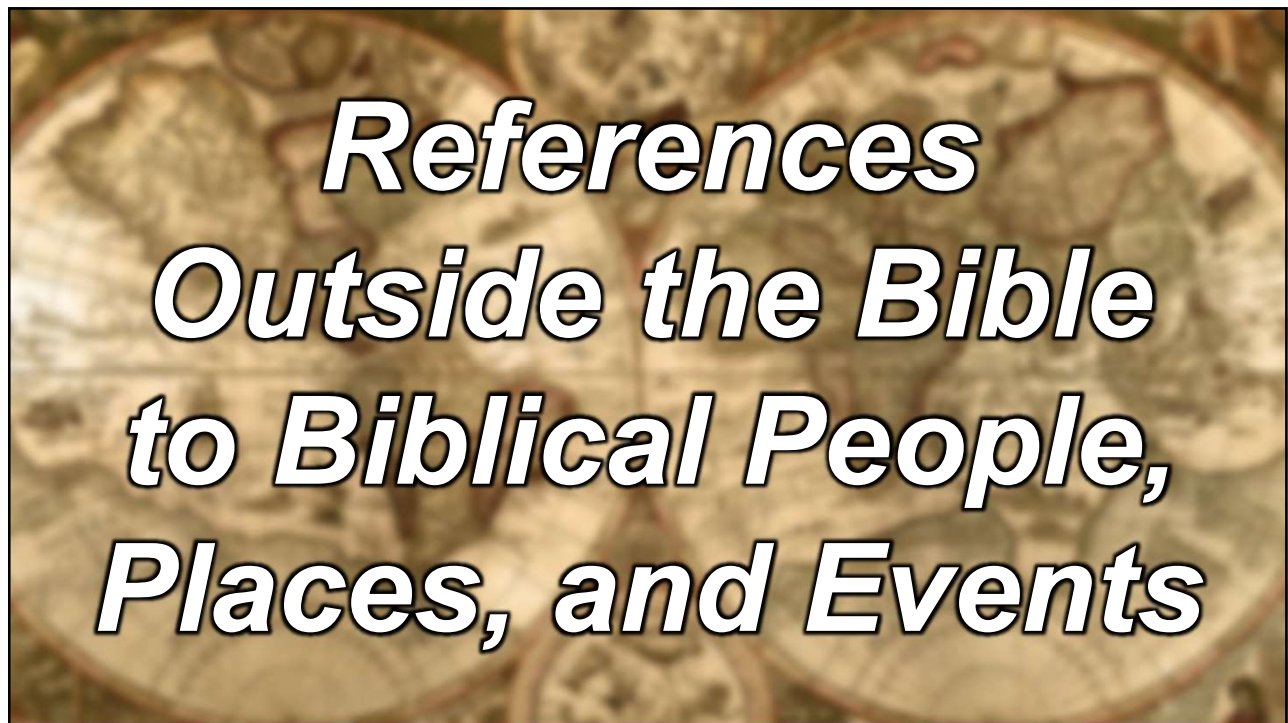
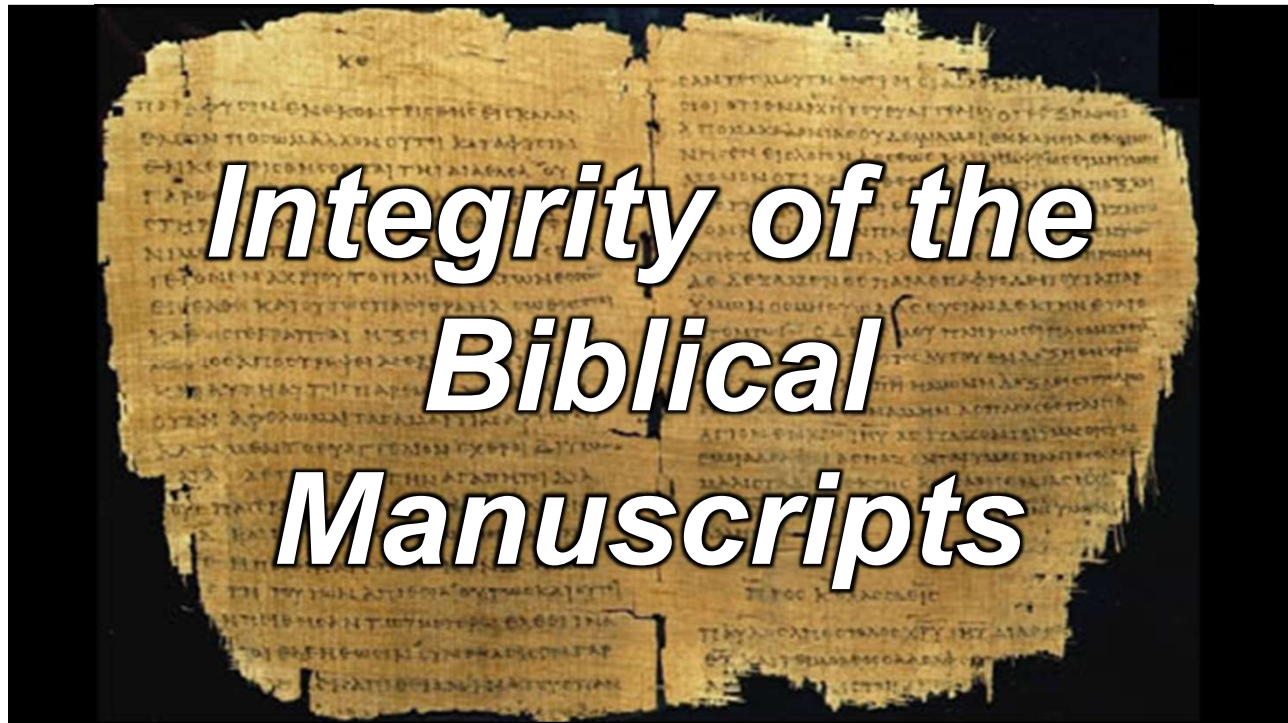
- according to the Scriptures
- and was buried

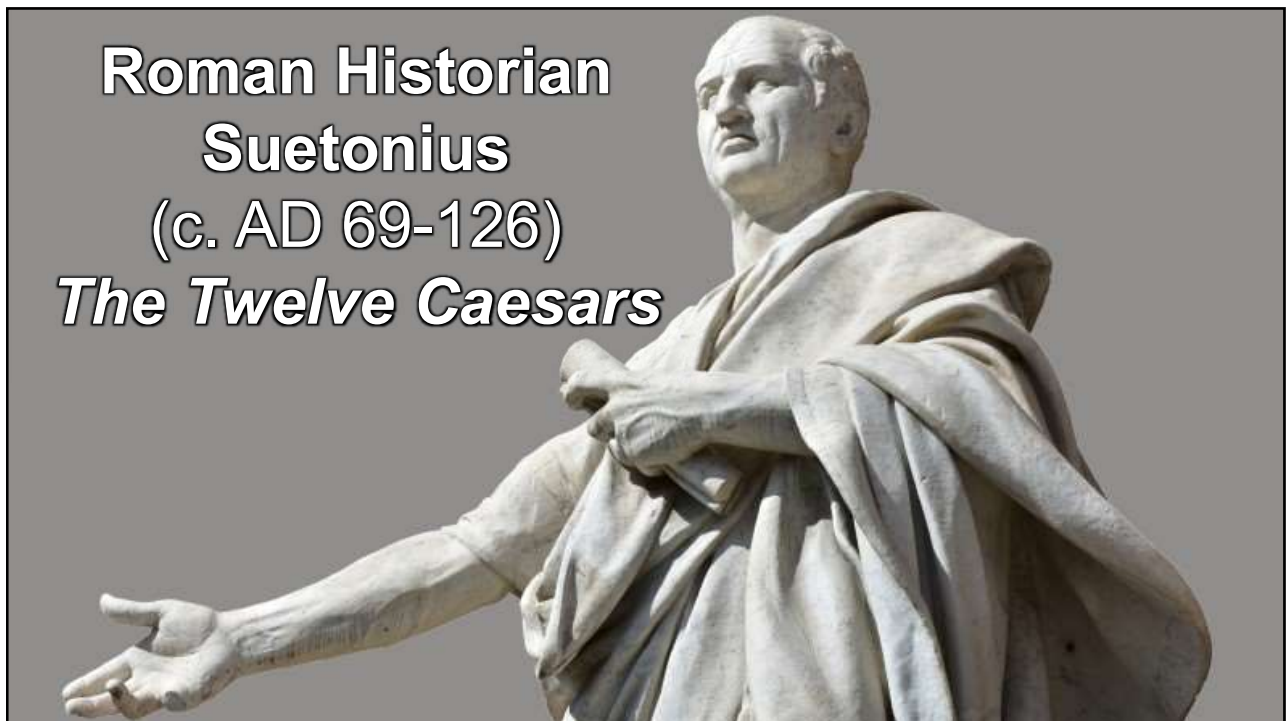
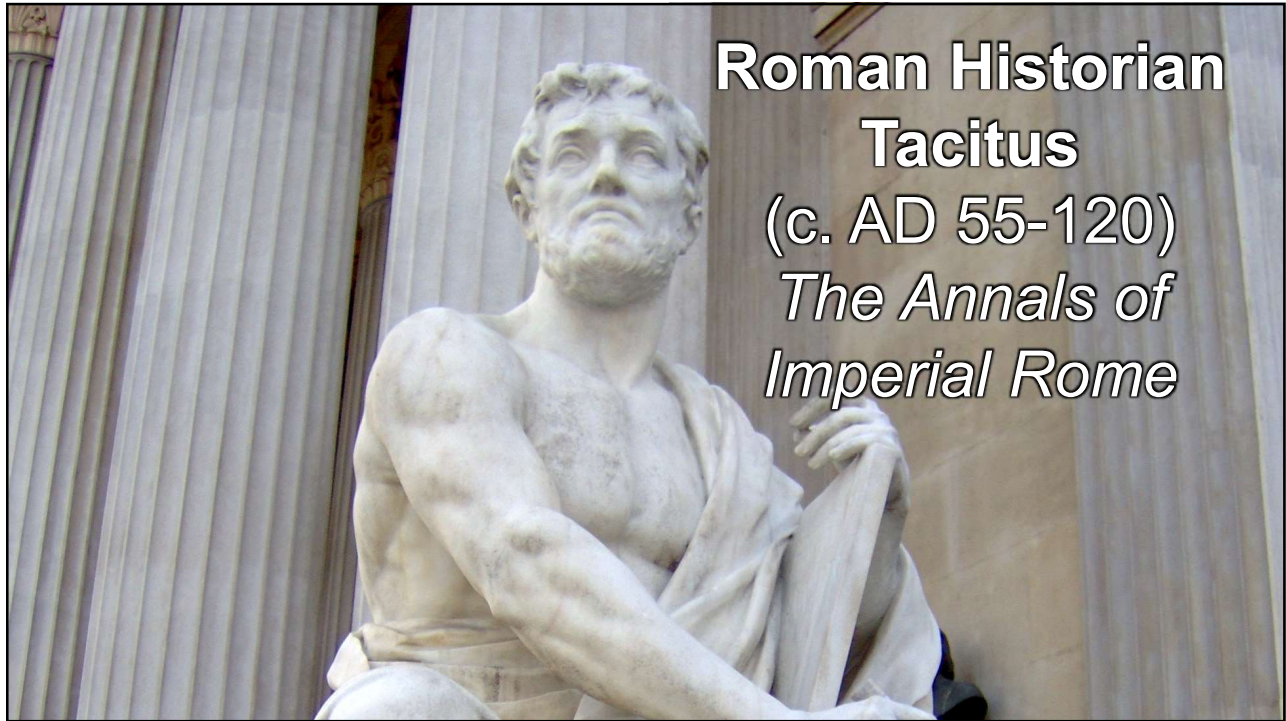
❖ Christ Rose

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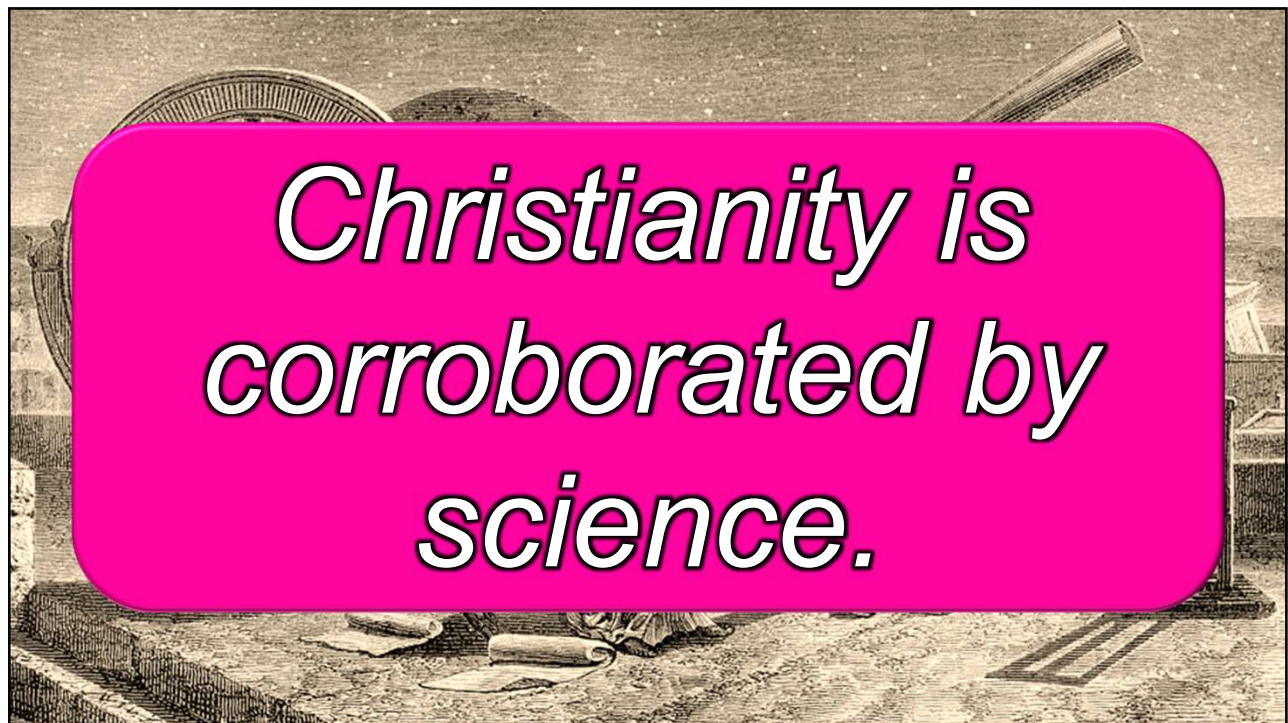
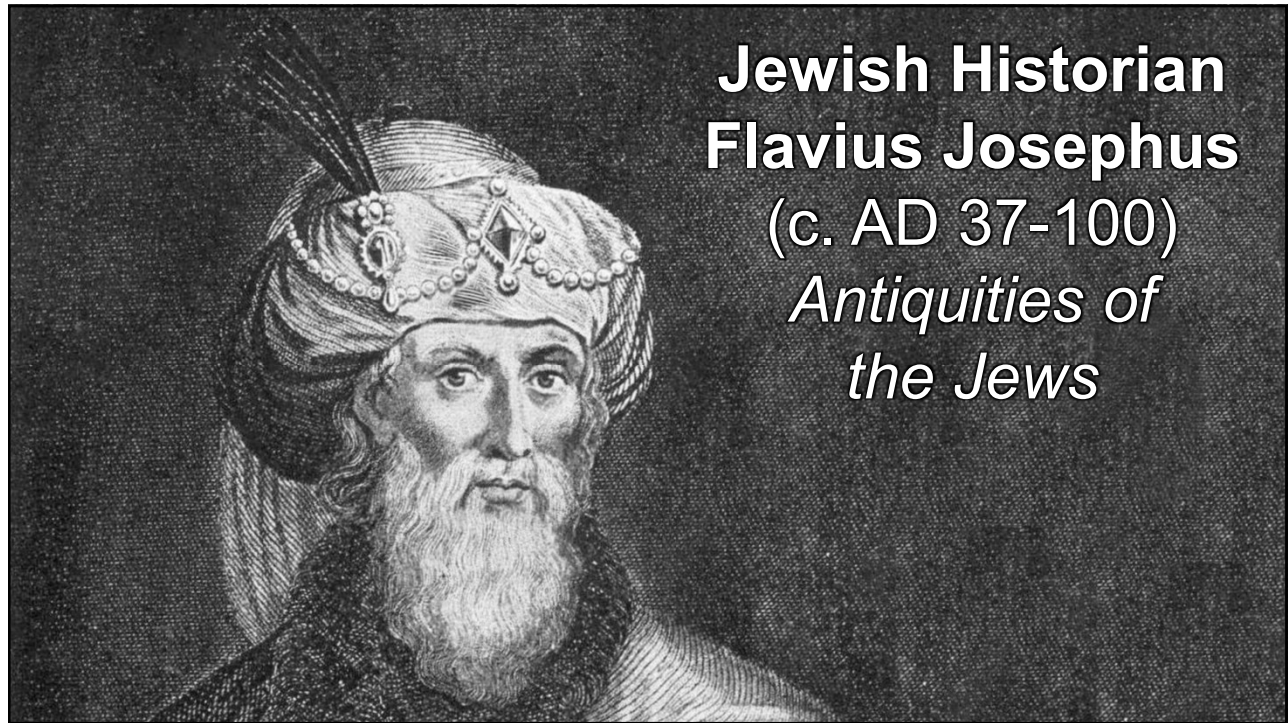




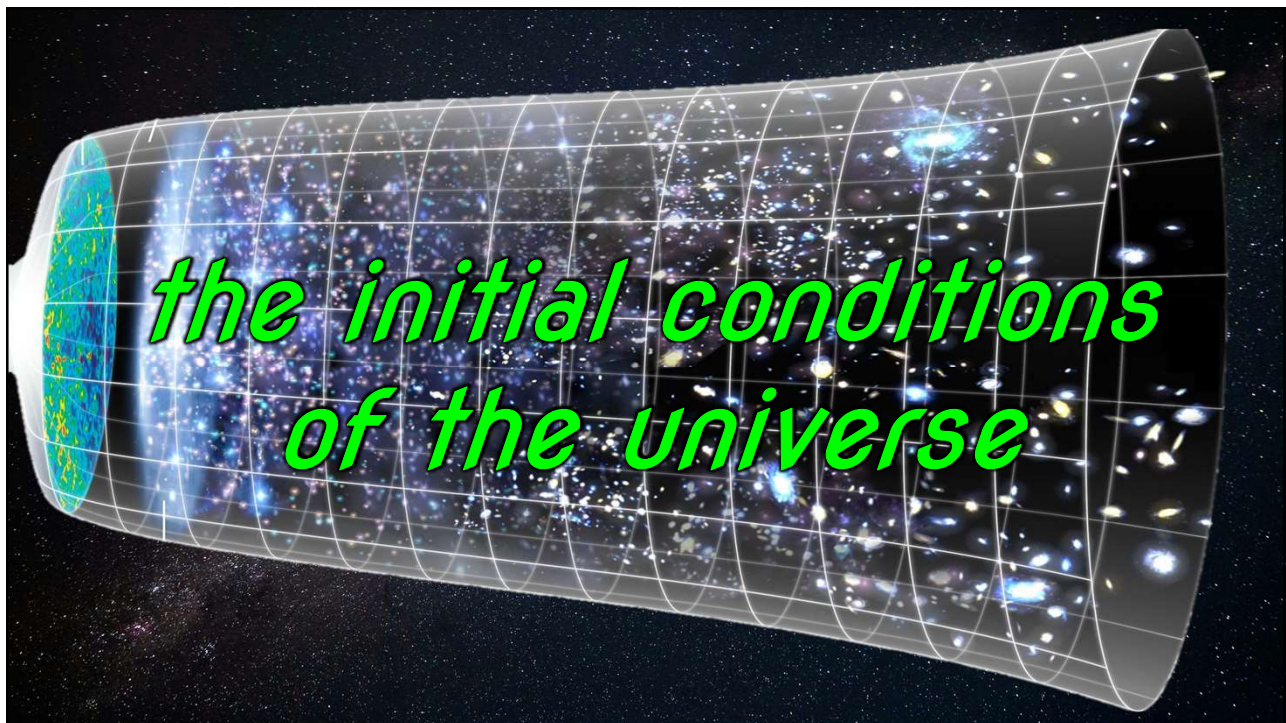
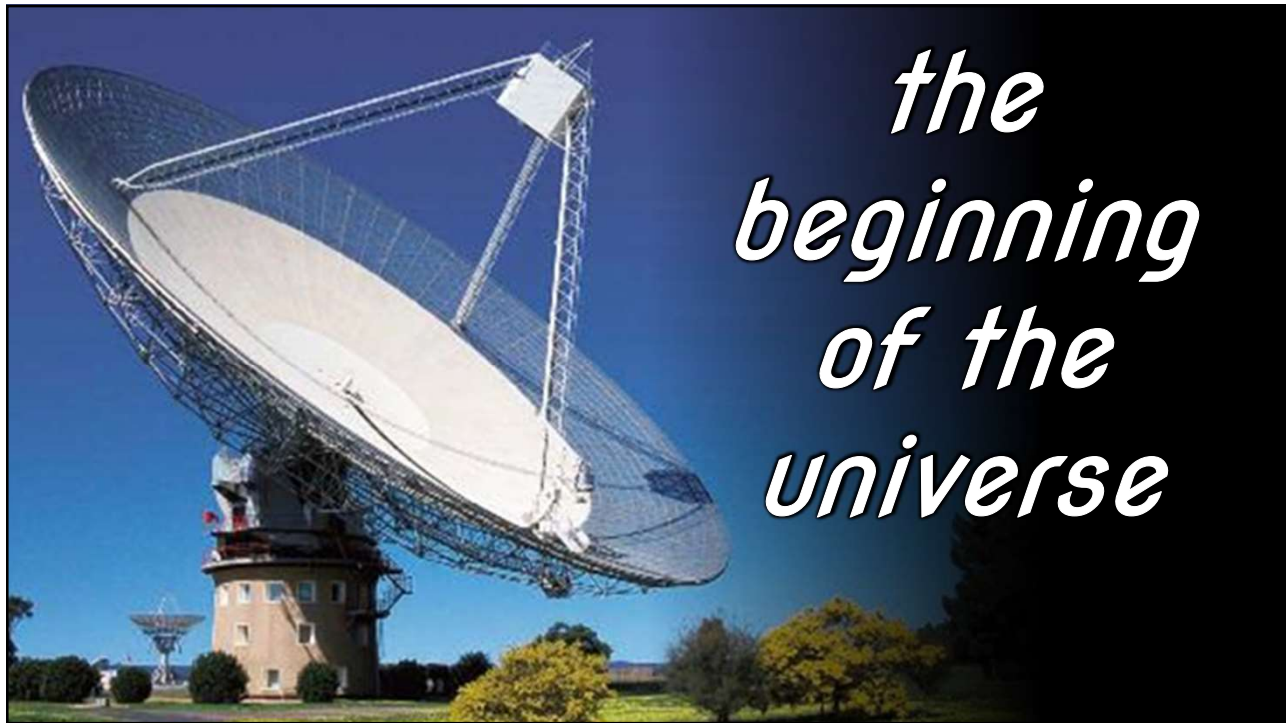




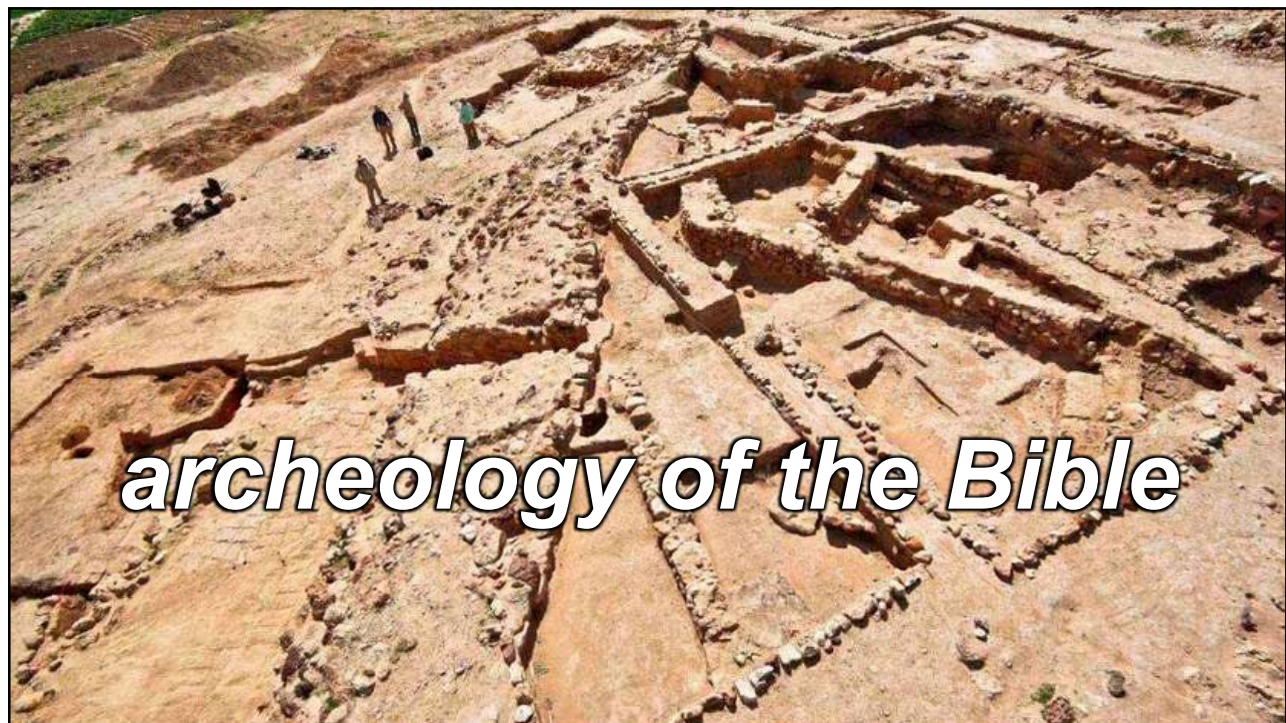




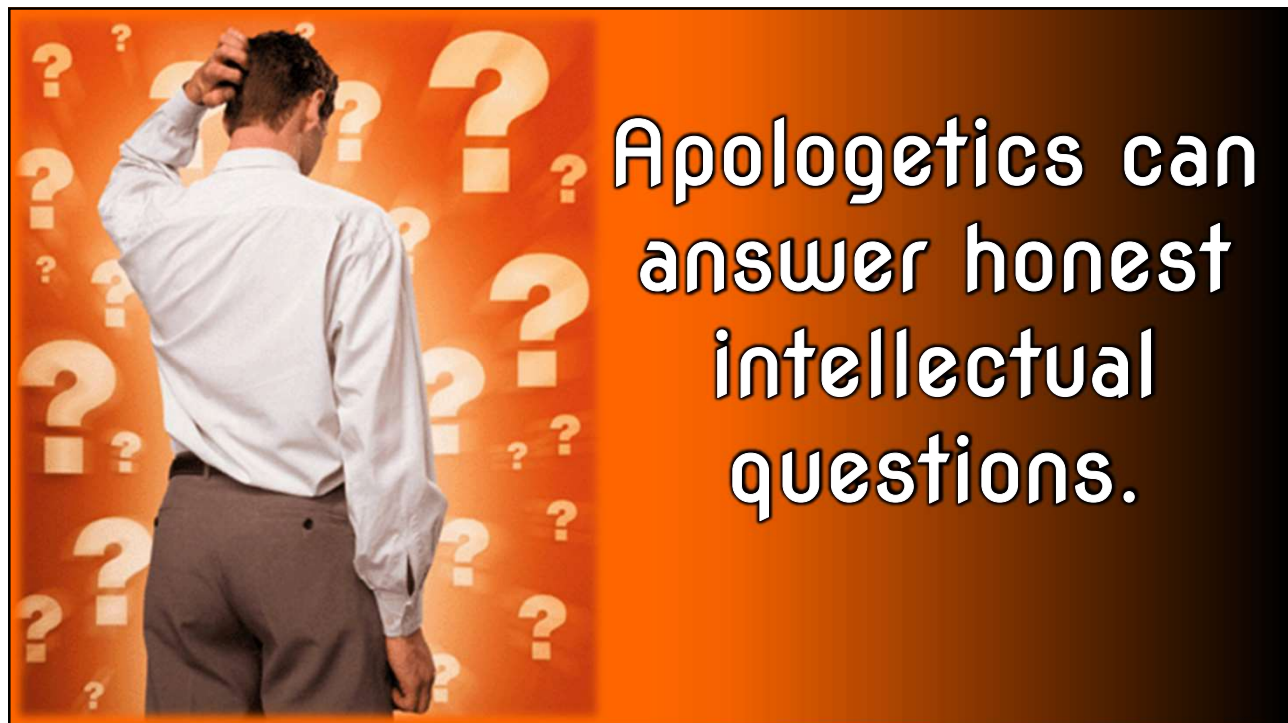








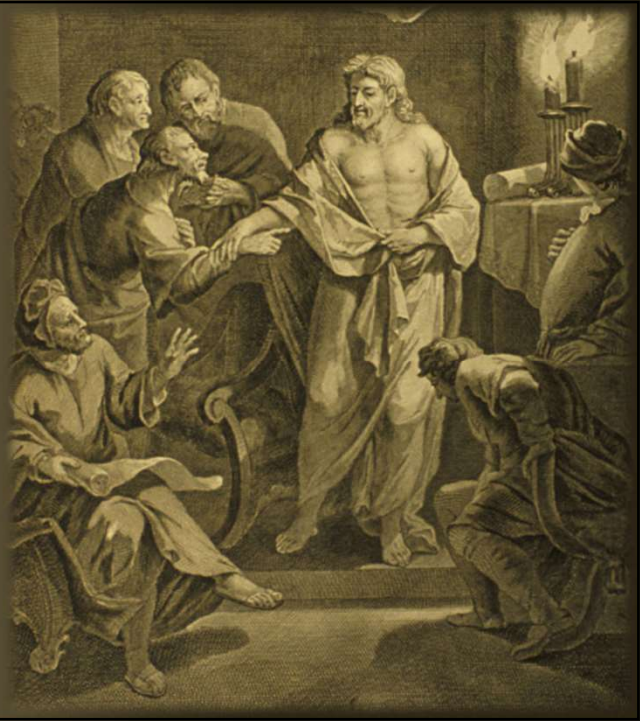






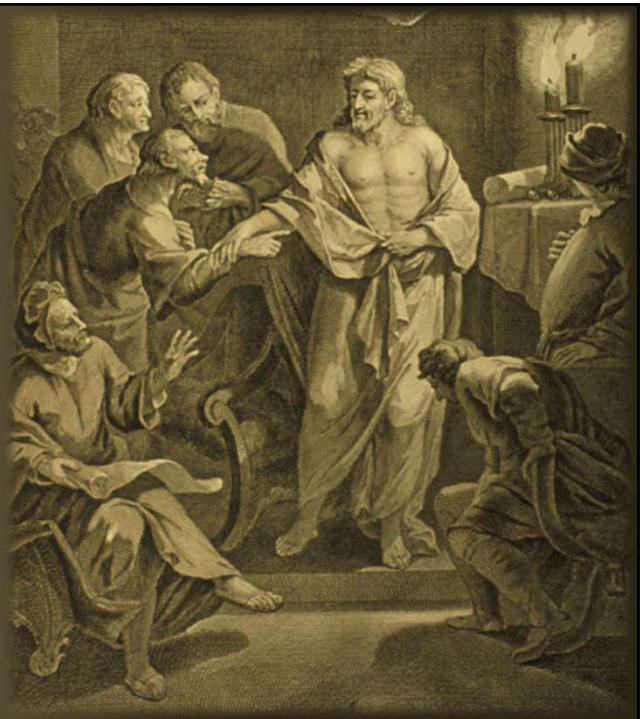
🌀 John 20:24-31 🌀

*Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."*



🌀 John 20:24-31 🌀

*And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing."*





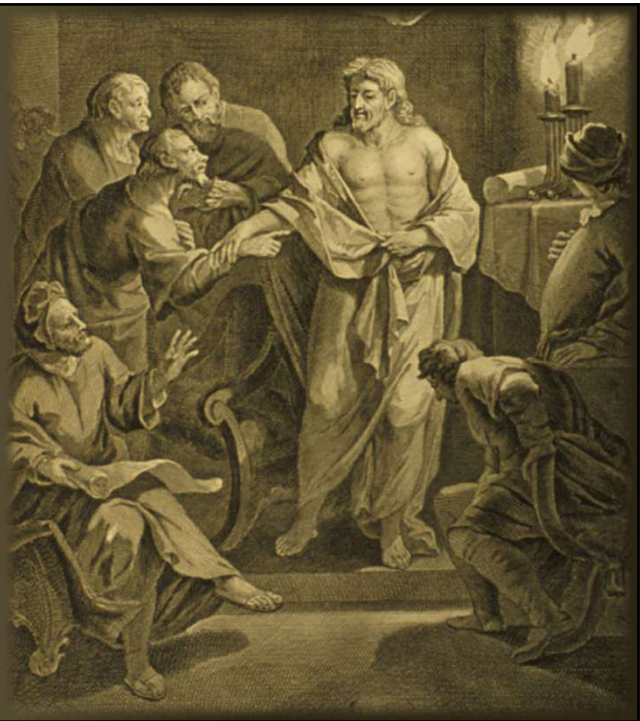
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*And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."*



✠ John 20:24-31 ✠

*And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.*





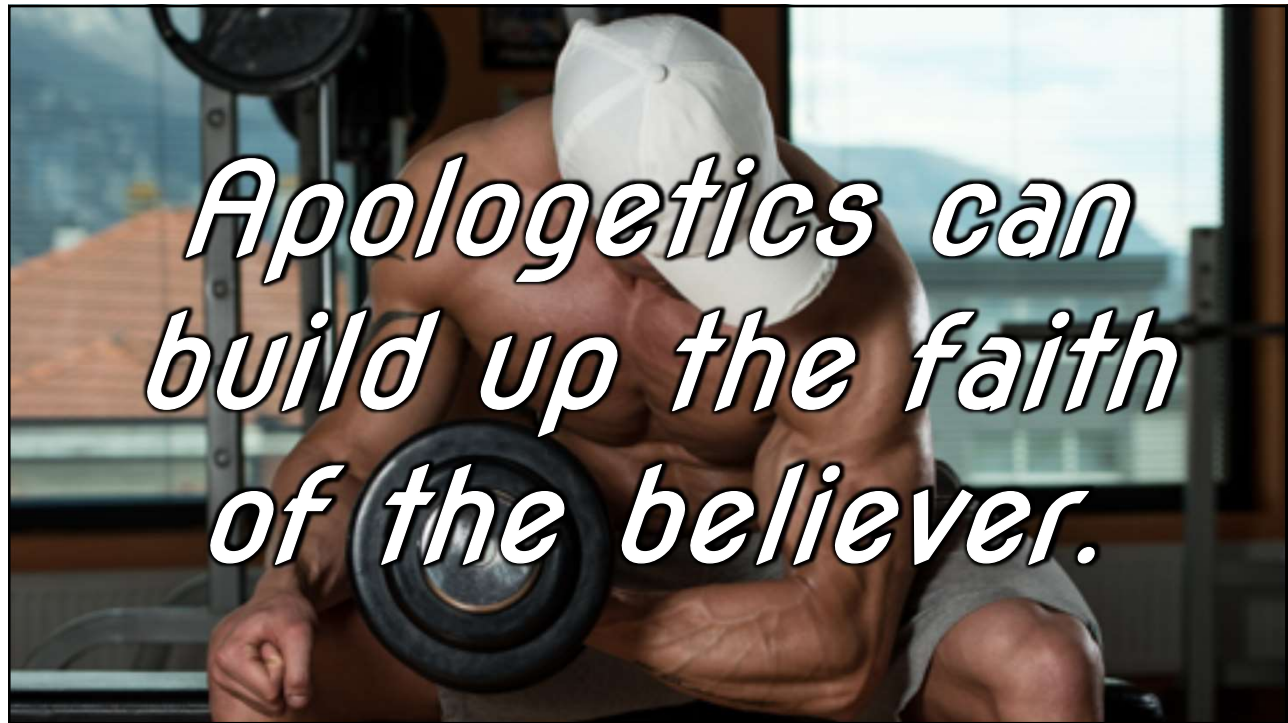


Apologetics  
can expose  
dishonest  
questions.

✠ John 10:24-26 ✠

*Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, "How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly." {25} Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me. {26} But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you.*





✧ Acts 18:24, 26-28 ✧

*"Now a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus. ... So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately."*





☞ Acts 18:24, 26-28 ☞

*"And when he desired to cross to Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him; and when he arrived, he **greatly helped those who had believed through grace; for he vigorously refuted the Jews publicly, showing from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ.**"*