

# Jesus offers a paradise that never ends!

## 60 reasons to **make certain** you do not miss it.

Got a better offer? • God decides the terms, not us • Crazy not to • There's proof it's true • Celebrate *after* you get there • The door shuts soon • Finding out after you die is not a plan • Who's more dependable than Jesus? • Do not get this question wrong • No one's immune to deception • Our will to live • Jesus died for this • Jesus can do this, trust him • God has way more treasures • It's too late once you die • Wrath also is promised • It lasts forever • Hedonism can't get you there • Don't assume everyone's in • Living by a lie never succeeds • We all despise death • God wants you • Walk it, don't just talk it • Deserves better than a guess • All religions can't be valid • Not sure? Then make sure • Examine atheist arguments • Ignoring guilt isn't safe • Keep fighting • 70 years vs. eternity • Millions believe this matters • Avoid eternal punishment • Apathy never rewards • Jesus has shown us the way • It's time to get serious • Be with loved ones forever • We always fight to avoid death • Do not take hell lightly • Think you know - double check • Many want you there • Some men will deceive you • Don't lead loved ones astray • What subject is more paramount? • Conscience expects a judgement • Allow no room for error • Heaven will exclude evil • Life is worth preserving • We mourn at funerals • Trusting fate is reckless • You may be on the wrong path • Mocking isn't wisdom • You may face God tomorrow morning • Don't assume you'll make it • Don't dismiss this as silly • Will hypocrites decide for you? • This requires endurance • Prevent being shocked after death • Fantasies don't bring eternal life • God says his paradise is better, trust him • God says the alternative is awful, trust him

# Miracles of Jesus

From the 4 Gospels

Born of a virgin

Physical Ailments Healed

Blindness - five times

Paralytic - twice

Deaf and mute

Deformed hand

Severe fever - twice

Leprosy - twice

Chronic bleeding

Permanently bent over

Severed ear (while Jesus was being arrested)

Plus, many others not described in detail



Raised a dead person back to life - three times

Cast a demon out of someone - many times

Turned water into wine

Calmed a violent storm, immediately

Large number of fish caught at Jesus' word - twice

Multiplied loaves & fishes, feeding many - twice

Walked on water, during a storm

Peter caught a fish with a coin inside, at Jesus' word

Cursed a fig tree, which died immediately

Rose from the dead, on the day he had predicted

Ascended bodily into the sky, as a crowd watched

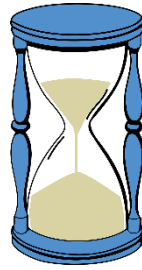
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Not someone to take lightly

# God's Timetable

Jesus said he'd return, but it's been 20 centuries.

Does this match the time scale of other predictions God has made?



| <i>The Prediction</i>                                   | <i>Came Through</i> | <i>Centuries to Fulfillment</i> |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| Jews go into Egypt                                      | Abraham             | 1                               |
| Israel exiled to Babylon                                | Jewish Prophets     | 1                               |
| Babylon destroyed                                       | Jewish Prophets     | 2                               |
| Israel returns to their land, the first time            | Jewish Prophets     | 2                               |
| Jews delivered from Egypt                               | Abraham             | 5                               |
| Jews inhabit promised land                              | Abraham             | 5                               |
| Jerusalem/temple destroyed                              | Daniel              | 6                               |
| Appearance of the Messiah                               | David               | 10                              |
| Jews scattered throughout the world and persecuted      | Moses               | 15                              |
| Gospel spreads to entire world                          | Jesus               | 15 - 20                         |
| The world blessed through the Jews (by Christianity)    | Abraham             | 19                              |
| Entire world learns of Israel's God (thru Christianity) | Jewish Prophets     | 20 - 25                         |
| Israel returns to their land, the second time           | Jewish Prophets     | 25                              |
| Jesus' second coming                                    | Jesus, Apostles     | <b>20 + ?</b>                   |

# Not A Blind Faith



God's kingdom is in this age largely invisible.

Yet, God revealed it many times in ways that were seen, heard & touched.

| <i>God promises for the world to come</i> | <i>Demonstrated physically in Jewish history</i> |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Come to our rescue                        | Deliverance from Pharaoh                         |
| Reward the righteous                      | Faithful enter prom. land                        |
| Punish the wicked                         | Jews exiled, twice                               |
| Defeat & eliminate Satan                  | Many demons cast out                             |
| Crush/remove oppressors                   | Rescue from Philistines                          |
| Raze earth, make new one                  | Noah's worldwide flood                           |
| Keep His covenant with us                 | Jews return from Babylon                         |
| Forgive our sins                          | Jesus died for our sins                          |
| Make us into one people                   | Jewish nation; the church                        |
| Promote us to royalty                     | Joseph, David, Daniel                            |
| Replace illness with joy                  | Many physical healings                           |
| Defeat death forever                      | Several resurrections                            |
| Give us a home to thrive in               | Promised land of Israel                          |
| Live with us, face to face                | Incarnation of Jesus                             |
| Provide our daily bread                   | Moses' manna; loaves/fish                        |
| A magnificent kingdom                     | Solomon in all his glory                         |

It's a faith in what is concrete



# Are You Brainwashed?

## Characteristics of a cult



### Leader or Leaders

- Excessive loyalty to, venerated
- Above the law, always right
- No accountability to any other authority
- The only valid source of truth
- No financial transparency

### Isolation

- Encouraged to cut ties with all outsiders
- Fear and Paranoia toward outside world
- Forbid all outside sources of information
- Leaving makes you evil & you will be shunned

### Authoritarian Control

- Rules for conformity in dress, food & behavior
- Demand excessive time commitment
- Manipulate through shame, guilt and threats
- Propaganda keeps pushing the party line
- Group think, everyone required to agree
- Independent thinking & questions not allowed

### Elitist

- Our group is superior; we've cornered the truth
- Us versus them, persecution complex
- Salvation comes only by being in our group
- We are the only genuine believers

# Tough Choice, Isn't It

Self indulgent  
or forbidden  
activities



Complete  
Devotion to  
Jesus Christ

## Your Final Reward

Feels  
good  
now,  
for a  
brief  
moment.  
That's it.

No sickness, mourning, pain or death  
We see God's face, he lives among us  
A new, glorious and imperishable body  
Ruled by King Jesus: kind, fair and wise  
Safety, prosperity, feasting, beauty, rest  
A new home, a far superior planet earth  
God's children live together in harmony  
All are intensely devoted to our Creator  
Healing, abundance, glory, splendor  
Forgiven and betrothed to God forever  
All inhabitants are blameless and loving  
We drink freely of Jesus' water of life  
Live forever with unending joy & peace  
No sin, crime, war, devil or evil people  
Enjoy God's limitless treasures & riches  
One unified, rewarding & ideal society  
Loved by God, sharing his happiness  
We are well fed, satisfied and protected  
Reign & thrive in our Father's paradise  
All this, and far more, will last forever!

Pick a road. Jumping between the two is not allowed.

# Proofs for the Existence of God



## Designer

Biological life and our planet give the clear appearance of having been designed by someone. Our experience with the laws of nature daily reminds us that this complexity could never have assembled itself.

## Witnesses

Countless have experienced a spiritual world and a divine intelligence that has never been explained by natural means, including answered prayers, healing, changed lives. Even if 99 out of 100 of these claims may not be convincing, the 1% count as proofs.

## History

The ancient Jews wrote down hundreds of miracles and fulfilled predictions for which a supernatural being is the only reasonable explanation. These accounts were faithfully passed on to us in the Bible.

## Conscience

Mankind has an undying sense of right and wrong, along with a general awareness of an ultimate Judge. The source of this sense of justice is best explained by us being created by a moral being.

### Guidelines

- You must believe a sincere witness unless there's good reason not to. We incarcerate using this rule.
- Fake religions, fraudulent claims of miracles, vague predictions, unanswered prayers, or phony believers do nothing to cancel valid evidence.

# Who Picked the Books of the Bible?



They were chosen by centuries of consensus from thousands of Jews (Old Test.) and Christians (Old & New Test.) spread throughout the ancient world.

Manuscripts, quotes, translations, histories, artifacts and more give us a detailed picture of what the early Jews and Christians did and did not use as their scriptures.

Some Christian groups settled on slightly different lists of books in their Bible, showing how different branches of the church each made their own choice.

Jews and Christians were spread around the ancient world, under different empires, having limited contact between each other. Yet all settled on essentially the same list of books, showing that the right choice was clear-cut.

Jews and Christians parted 2000 years ago, yet they agree on the Old Test. books, also showing the choice was obvious.

Because this process was spread over nations and centuries, it's false to claim that only one group of men made the choice.

Jews and Christians esteemed their scriptures as sacred, the word of God. They would never add or take away books lightly, nor include books with known falsehoods.

We have the historical records to verify that the list of books hasn't changed over time. The ancient Jews and early church used the same books we use today.

We have many of the rejected books to compare with, yet every successive generation of believers has agreed with the original choices.

If you read the rejected books, you'll find that they lack the ring of truth, and they don't change the message, adding only nonessentials.

# The Wages of Sin

As spelled out by the Old Testament book of Lamentations

Weeping, affliction, fall by the sword, groaning, destitute, slavery, bitterness, despised, attacks, anguish, weakness, wandering, grief, destroyed, tears, suffering, net spread for your feet, desolation, fainting, distress, crushed by an army, betrayal, exile, enemies prevail and rejoice, perish, trampled, consumed by fire, heads bowed.

These will be taken from you: Peace, celebrations, help, wealth, livelihood, joy, freedom, honor, food, safety, beauty, military might, dancing, valuables, security, music, affluence, comfort, survival, friends, strength, rest, escape.

God will do this to you: Weigh you down with chains, turn his hand against you, lay waste, abandon his temple, destroy, hide himself, slaughter without pity, wall in, tear down, mangle like a bear lying in wait, break your teeth with gravel, bar the way, trample in the dust, shut his ear to prayer, give bitter gall to drink, forsake, remove his protection, give full vent to his anger and wrath.

Children beg for bread, bones broken, wound deep as the sea, dead lie in the streets, captivity, terror, ruin, shriveled skin, famine, life ebbs away, stripped naked, disgrace, made orphans and widows, weariness, women violated, hard labor, hunted like a bird, eyes grow dim, torment, dwell in darkness, punished for your sins, death.

*For those who come to their senses:* “God, I’ve sinned, a lot. I’m ending my rebellion against you. I’m ready to be forgiven by the one you sent, Jesus Christ, and to be his loyal slave the rest of my days.”



## I’m Not Evil .. I Think



Why the moral grade you give yourself is inaccurate:

You grew up surrounded by bad examples, in a fallen world filled with wrongdoing.  
You focus on those more evil, soothing your conscience.  
Your pride grades yourself way higher than is deserved.  
You use men’s rules in place of God’s more strict laws.  
No one wants to face that they may be a monster.

Why this is a problem:

You are way worse than you believe.  
To be lost in a delusion is always a problem.  
Your conscience says bad behavior must be stopped or else be punished, yet you exclude yourself.  
All doers of evil are in serious trouble with God.  
This is also true of many church goers, who foolishly tell themselves that ongoing sin is not a concern.

What should you do:

Know that facing the truth will take a lot of courage.  
Stop focusing on other people’s sins.  
Accept that the sins you see are the tip of the iceberg.  
Ask God in prayer to open your eyes to see the truth.  
Now you’re ready to come to the Lord Jesus and join with others who have done the same.

Jesus is the only one appointed by God to forgive your sins and to lead you away from a life of doing evil.

## Biblical reasons your prayers are not answered



|                                            |                           |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| You do not approach God in Jesus name.     | John 16:23-24             |
| You moved away from Jesus and his words.   | John 15:7                 |
| You do not trust that God will answer.     | James 1:5-8               |
| You hold unforgiveness toward someone.     | Mark 11:25                |
| Your request deviates from God's will.     | I John 5:14               |
| Your request is to satisfy your pleasures. | James 4:3                 |
| You gave up on asking too quickly.         | Luke 18:1-8               |
| You refuse to listen to godly wisdom.      | Proverbs 1:24-30          |
| You turn a deaf ear to godly instruction.  | Proverbs 28:9             |
| God chose not to answer this one.          | II Cor 12:8, II Sam 12:16 |
| You won't humble yourself before God.      | II Chronicles 7:14        |
| You must make restitution for a wrong.     | II Samuel 21:1-14         |
| You are an enemy of God's people.          | II Samuel 22:41-42        |
| You shut your ears to the cry of the poor. | Proverbs 21:13            |
| You mistreat your wife.                    | I Peter 3:7               |

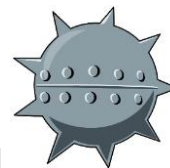
### Wickedness:

|                                  |               |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| You keep sinning.                | Isaiah 59:1-2 |
| You are doing what is evil.      | Micah 3:4     |
| You cherish a sin in your heart. | Psalms 66:18  |
| You are not a righteous person.  | James 5:16    |

## The Devil's Mine Field

### Outside the church

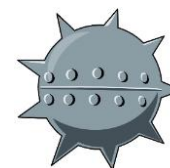
Persecution  
Man made religions  
Deceitfulness of riches  
Bad science  
Hedonism  
Calling evil good  
Attacks on the Bible  
Hollywood fantasy worlds  
Counterfeit spiritual paths  
Secular institutions  
Worldly rewards  
Evolution's lies  
Hostility to God  
Worship created things  
Foolhardy atheism  
Trampling of truth  
Peer pressure



## Eternal Life In Jesus

### Within the church

False teachers  
Hard hearts  
Fake Christians  
Men's traditions  
Quarreling & disunity  
Questioning the Bible  
Spiritual deadness  
Ignoring scripture  
No fear of God  
Outward form only  
In bed with the culture  
Heresies  
Cults  
Tolerating sin  
False gods and idols  
Distorting God's words  
Crooked and greedy men  
False visions & prophecies

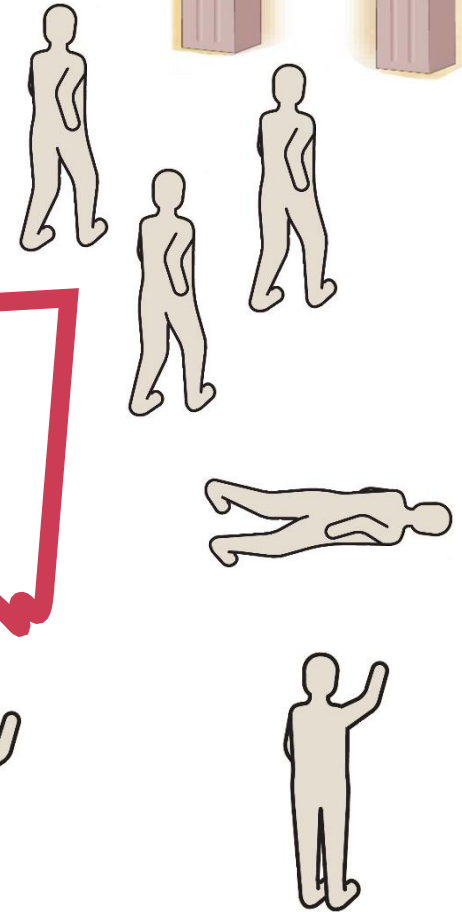
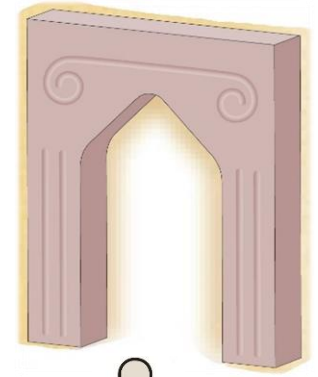


## Find the *Best* Source of Truth in all the Noise



## Three Wise Three Foolish

For 2000 years God spoke to us through the ancient Jews to point at the entrance of his glorious and eternal kingdom.



Look, a flaw!  
This cannot  
be from God.

Agreed!  
This loser  
proves it.

## Testing Religions

When evaluating the world's religions, what tests might we apply to learn which one can be most trusted to teach us the truth?



**Miracles.** Shows the supernatural origin of the message. The Bible records over 200 miracles.

**Predictions.** Only God reliably knows the future. The Bible records over 200 *fulfilled* predictions.

**Prophets.** Not just followers. These encountered God directly. The Bible records over 100 like this.

**Promised and Proven.** Promises to give eternal life in a paradise. Proven by the dead being raised, physical healings and many other miracles.

**Scriptures.** Its origin, proofs & teachings are written down in a clearly defined book, with lots of copies.

**Context.** The historical context in which the religion was revealed is well known and documented. A book didn't just drop from the sky.

**Revealed Over Time.** The religion was revealed with a repeating and unchanging message over many centuries, and not just by a single prophet.

**Evangelical.** It's followers believe in its value and truth so much that they want to tell everyone.

**Growth.** It hasn't died out, but continues growing, showing how each generation treasures it.

Compare Christianity against any other religion using these 9 tests. It's a rout.

## The Absence of Racism

Everyone Acting Color Blind  
Sounds Wonderful



All hiring, firing and acceptance into college is done with zero regard to race.

No one celebrates an election, a hiring or an achievement just because of that person's race.

No one asks for or expects preferential treatment, financial or otherwise, just because of their race.

When a wrong's been done, racial motives are never assumed by the victims, the press or other parties (because we are acting as if skin color doesn't exist).

We stop trying to fix, make right or avenge past racial crimes. Rather they are never again brought up, but are forgiven and forgotten.

If there's a disagreement with a promotion or demotion, race is not brought into the discussion.

No special days or events dedicated to one race.

No more counting what percentage of each race does an organization have.

No assuming a person is racist because of their race.

Skin color, race and ethnic background are never brought up, anymore than hair color would be.

Witch hunts for racists cease.

Those who claim to fight racism but don't agree with these, are the ones perpetuating it.

## Two Earths

“Remember Lot’s wife! Whoever tries to keep their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life will preserve it.”

*Jesus* Luke chap 17 NIV

4,000 years ago, God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah because of their sins. As lot’s family fled, his wife looked back and became a pillar of salt. As Jesus explains, she was still in love with filthy and doomed Sodom.

God’s new earth:

Pure  
Glorious  
Everlasting



The Earth now:

Corrupt  
Rotting  
Soon to be  
scrapped

You must choose now which earth to love, an easy choice. If you wait like Lot’s wife, then . . .

You choose by setting all of your affections on Jesus and the righteous, new earth that will replace this one.

## The Fear of God

From the Jewish prophet Jeremiah

The Lord says: “Because” the Jews did what’s in paragraph A, he did to them what’s in paragraph B.



A: Sinned against me, did evil and wickedness, forsook me, said ‘I have not sinned’, perverted their ways, forgot the Lord, rebelled against me, rejected my law, didn’t obeyed me or follow my law, lifeless images, detestable idols, stiff-necked, would not listen to my words, their prophets spread ungodliness and preached rebellion against the Lord, guilt so great, sins so many, defied me.

B: Brought judgments on his people, divorced and sent them away, sent a besieging army, made the land a dry desert, animals and birds perished, tore off their skirts, enslaved them to their enemies, decreed a great disaster, repaid them double, plundered all their wealth and treasures, his wrath burned like fire, gave them bitter food & poisoned water, struck them as an enemy would, slew them in anger, hid his face, punished them, made the land deserted and in ruins, sent shame and disgrace.

The Fear of God is to grasp that sooner or later God will bring B upon **anyone** who does A, no exceptions, unless they stop doing A (repent). Those who scoff at this will be at a loss when calamity suddenly comes upon them.

False teachers (Woe to them!) tell their churches, “You don’t need to fear God in this way. You may continue doing evil without any expectation of wrath.”