

# HOW DO I KNOW?

## What Do I Believe? Why Do I Believe It? • 2014 Youth Lectureship

I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. (2 Tim 1:12)

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 15<sup>th</sup>

- 7:00 PM – Singing | Making Faith My Own (Jason Hardin)

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 16<sup>th</sup>

- 10:00 AM – Did God *REALLY* Create the World in Six Days?  
(Jason Hardin)
- 11:00 AM – Did Jesus *REALLY* Rise From the Dead?  
(Nathan Matthews)

LUNCH BREAK (12:00 PM - 1:30 PM)

- 1:30 PM – The Challenges of Living as a Young Person of Faith  
(Alex Bestoso)  
For PARENTS: The Challenges of Raising a Young Person of Faith  
(Jason Hardin)
- 2:30 PM – Is Christianity *REALLY* the One and Only Way?  
(Nathan Matthews)

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 17<sup>th</sup>

- 9:45 AM – Adult Bible Class: I Appeal to You Therefore (Rom 12:1-2)
- 10:30 AM – I Believe, But Sometimes I Doubt. What Should I Do?  
(Jason Hardin)

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## Friday Night Singing

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Heb 4:16)

- 6s – Magnify, O Magnify (Jason Hardin)

### Prayer

- 144 – My Faith Looks Up to Thee (Marcus Joy)
- 77s – Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You (Marcus Joy)
- 129 – All the Way My Savior Leads Me (Paul DeGarmo)
- 134s – Thy Word is a Treasure (Jason Hardin)
- 296 – How Firm a Foundation (Jason Hardin)
- 12s – I Sing the Mighty Power of God (Ben Joy)
- 188 – There Stands a Rock (Paul DeGarmo)
- 8s – How Long Till the Morning? (Jason Hardin)

### Making My Faith My Own (Jason Hardin)

- 360 – Standing on the Promises (Ben Joy)
- 68s – A Passion for My God (Ben Joy)
- 182 – I Believe in Mount Calvary (Stephen Budd)
- 10s – My Eyes Have Seen Your Glory (Stephen Budd)
- 423 – 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (Andrew Kelly)
- 35s – Alleluia, Lord! (Jason Hardin)

### Invitation (Jason Hardin)

- 350 – I Know Whom I Have Believed (Nathan Matthews)

### Closing Announcements (Jason Hardin)

- 41s – Light the Fire (Nathan Matthews)

### Prayer

# Did God *REALLY* Create the World in Six Days?

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Fears or hesitations related to confessing a belief that God created the world in six days:

“And there was evening and there was morning, the first day” (Gen 1:5)

- *Yom* (Hebrew) – “day”
  - Can be used of a period of time (Gen 2:4)
  - More than 200 occurrences in the Old Testament that are linked to some numeric value, always indicating a typical day
- *Yomin* (Hebrew) – “days”
  - More than 1,700 occurrences in the Old Testament that are linked to some numeric value, always indicating a typical day
- How were the terms used by Moses in other sections of his writing?
  - Genesis 30:16 – “in the evening...that night”
  - Exodus 18:13 – “The next day...from morning till evening”
  - Exodus 20:8-11 – “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy”
  - Genesis 1:8, 13, 19, 23, 31-2:4 – “Thus the heavens and the earth were finished”

“And God said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light...” (Gen 1:3)

- Throughout the Bible, God’s creative work is spoken of in terms of instantaneous execution
  - Psalm 33:6-9 – “For he spoke, and it came to be”
  - Psalm 148:1-6 – “For he commanded and they were created”
  - Hebrews 11:3 – “The universe was created by the word of God”

“These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created...” (Gen 2:4)

- Compare to Genesis 5:1 – “This is the book of the generations of Adam”
- The book is claiming to be an historical account of what happened!

“He who created them from the beginning made them male and female...” (Matt 19:4)

- The New Testament treats Genesis 1-2 as an actual, reliable, historical event
  - Paul (2 Cor 4:6; 1 Cor 15:21-22; 2 Cor 11:3; 1 Tim 2:13)
  - Jesus (Matt 19:4)
  - Luke (Luke 3:23-38)

Biblical strands that begin to unravel if Genesis 1-2 aren’t appreciated as literal:

# Did Jesus *REALLY* Rise From the Dead?

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Evidence #1: The testimony of the gospels

Evidence #2: Jesus died and was buried

Evidence #3: The empty tomb

Evidence #4: The manner in which the resurrection was reported

Evidence #5: The post-resurrection appearances

Evidence #6: The conversion of Saul and James

Evidence #7: The willingness of the disciples to die for proclaiming the resurrection

Evidence #8: The existence of the church

Alternative #1: The empty tomb was caused by:

- The women went to the wrong grave
- The body was stolen
- The body was eaten

Alternative #2: The apostles were hallucinating

Alternative #3: The “swoon theory”

# The Challenges of Living as a Young Person of Faith

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## 2 Timothy 1:8-14

[8] Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God,

[9] who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,

[10] and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

[11] for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher,

[12] which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me.

[13] Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

[14] By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

# The Challenges of Raising a Young Person of Faith

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	We want our children to avoid...	We want our children to be dedicated to...
Feet		
Hands		
Mouth		
Ears		
Eyes		
Sexuality		
Mind		

The challenges of raising a young person of faith:

Hope-filled strategies for raising a young person of faith:

# Is Christianity *REALLY* the One and Only Way?

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Is Jesus a Lord, a liar, or a lunatic?

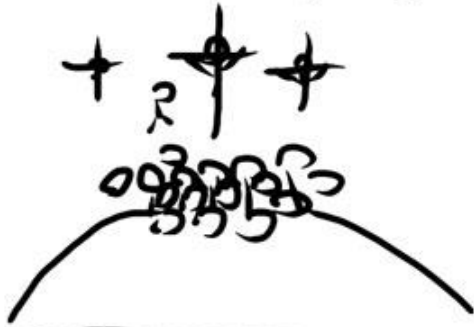
Why is salvation only in Christ?

1. Because Christ is the only one who has come to this world – God manifested in the flesh – and died for the sins of the world.
2. Because Christ is the only one who can properly mediate between God and man.
3. Christ is the only one who backed up His incredible claims.
4. Because Christ is the only one who was raised from the dead, never to die again, and fulfilled His own prophecies.
5. Because Christ is the ultimate Judge, we will all stand before Him.

Is it possible to know Jesus today and be a follower of Him?

# How Christianity Started

After a public ministry, Christ was killed publicly



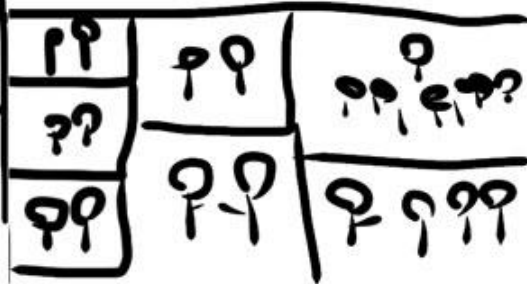
Christ rose from a public tomb publicly



Christ publicly showed himself to the public



The public told everyone what they saw



# How Other Religions Started

Private dream about God



Private angelic encounter about God



OR

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Private idea about God



One person told everyone what he saw

