

In your hearts, **set apart** Christ as Lord.
Always be ready to give a **defence** to those
who ask for the **reason for the hope** that is in you.
Do this with **gentleness & respect**

I Peter 3.15

SET APART

Are we convinced we need Jesus? (Lord?)

DEFENCE

Apologia (apologetics: reasoned defence)

REASON... HOPE

‘Logos’ – understanding Jesus brings hope

GENTLENESS & RESPECT

Witness to their defence, not prosecution

RUDI,
KAHN,
SAM &
PAUL

What did I do?

What did God do?

FAITH COMES FROM HEARING...

ROMANS 10.17

SO WHAT DO WE
SAY?
&
HOW DO WE SAY IT?



BIG QUESTIONS & POSSIBLE ANSWERS

- *If God's all-powerful, He could stop suffering. If God's all-loving, He would! I can't believe in God!*
 - All life involves choice/freewill. Freewill is part of what it means to be alive.
 - When should God take our freewill away? (stop the terrorist...)
 - God's given everything to **win** our hearts, **not control** our hearts.
 - Jesus didn't 'stop' his own death. He gave His Life to us. He took our death on Him.
 - God can bring good out of bad things – can I pray with you that He would?



POSSIBLE ANSWERS



- *No proof that God exists!*

- but there's **evidence**: what God has shown us:

- From nature: scientists explain 'how', but people need to know 'why'

- From Scripture: try reading a 'gospel' and asking God to point something out

- From **experience**: what we 'feel'/sense through encounter with God

- From **obedience**: acting on His prompts (to pray, to say, to do)... changes us

Then a leper appeared and dropped to his knees before Jesus, praying, "Master, if you want to, you can heal my body."

³⁻⁴ Jesus reached out and touched him, saying, "I want to. Be clean." Then and there, all signs of the leprosy were gone.

Mark 8.1-4 (Message version)

ORIGIN

If evolution is driven by chance,
then I'm an accident. If I'm
created, then a Creator wants me

MEANING

My life means something when I
mean something to others.
Do I receive this?

MORALITY

If I love God above all else, and
love others as I love myself..?
Then what wrong will I do?

DESTINY

Where am I going?
Who will I be with?
Who is grandad with now?

ORIGIN

- Where did I come from?
- How did all matter come into existence?
- Who / what made what is?
- Creation? Evolution?

MEANING

- What gives life purpose?
- Does my work have meaning?
- What gives humanity dignity/worth/value?

MORALITY

- + Is there an objective moral reference point?
- What is right and wrong?
- Who decides what is right and wrong?
- What is good and evil?
- Does good and evil exist?

DESTINY

- Is there life after death?
- Where does one go after they die?
- How do I understand the relationship between the material and immaterial part of myself?
- Body? Soul?

Mt 5.14-16 “Here’s another way to put it: You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colours in the world. God is not a secret to be kept.

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