

—Miracles and Resurrection|| What do you believe?

“So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them.”
– Matthew 4:24

I. Do you believe that the Bible is the truth? Why? Do you trust what is being preached and taught from the pulpit?

“The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue. Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.” – Acts 17:10-11

A. Proverbs are easy. They ring true whether you are a believer or not. For example, take a look at Proverbs 11:12, 14, 17

B. The law is pretty easy as well. It is difficult to argue with the benefit of following the commandments, even the tricky laws. Look at Deuteronomy 5.

II. Miracles are science upended. The very laws of nature are turned upside down.

A. Matthew 28:18

B. The miracles:

Disease and sickness - Luke 4:40

Demon possession - Matthew 8:28-34

Deformity - Matthew 9:1-8

Blindness - Matthew 9:1-6

Death of Lazarus – John 11

Creation – Genesis; Feeding of 5,000

III. Science and some of what we know.

A. Brief description of the cell and its inner workings. One nanometer is 1×10^{-9} meters. The volume of a typical cell is $5.236 \times 10^{11} \text{ nm}^3$. The diameter of an average protein is about 2nm. Therefore, 2.6×10^{11} proteins can fit in a cell.

B. Disease – bacteria, viruses, genetic error - Can you envision healing the sick through medicine? How did Jesus heal the sick?

C. Possession – Not science – Do you believe that possession exists?

D. Deformity – genetic birth defects, accidental – We have limited ability to fix.

E. Blindness – genetic, accidental – Unable to be repaired with current technology. Can you envision repairing sight with medicine?

F. Death – What happens when a person dies?

G. Creation – No science

III. Given what we know in science consider again what you believe.

III. How can we then believe and what about non-believers?

A. We are all accountable to the truth. Romans 1:18-32

B. There were witnesses. Matthew 4:24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; Acts 1:1-3

C. The secular world spoke of Christ and Christians; Josephus, Pliny, Tacitus, Julius Africanus

IV. There are mysteries. We rely on faith and not seeing.

A. Deuteronomy 29:29

B. Proverbs 25:2

C. 2 Corinthians 5:6,7

D. Romans 10:17