

Why Believe in Jesus?

Introduction

1. The Bible affirms that salvation only comes through Jesus Christ (Acts 4:12).
2. But how do we know for sure?
3. The Bible records the works of Jesus so that through His works we have evidence that He is the Christ, the Son of God.
4. It also records literally thousands of instances where Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies concerning the Christ.

Discussion

- I. Miracles are the Proof
 - A. **Hebrews 2:4: Miracles accompanied God's servants, providing evidence that they were sent by God.**
 - B. **John 20:30: The miracles recorded in the book of John are presented "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God..."**
 - C. **Acts 2:22: Jesus was "a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him..."**
- II. Jesus Performed Miracles as Proof of His Authority
 - A. **Mark 2:1-12: Seeing that Jesus had the power to cause a lame man to walk, we can know for certain that He also has the power to forgive sins.**
 - B. Many accounts are recorded providing proof that Jesus is the Christ that was prophesied of in the Old Testament.
 1. **Matthew 8:16-17 records the fulfillment of Isaiah 53:4**
 2. **Matthew 12:15-22 is the fulfillment of Isaiah 42:1-4**
- III. The Death, Burial and Resurrection—the Ultimate Proof.
 - A. **Acts 3:18: The prophets foretold the suffering of the Christ**
 1. **Isaiah 53 is perhaps the most vivid prophecy.**
 2. **Matthew 26:14-16; 27:9-10: He was betrayed by one of His own for thirty pieces of silver.**
 3. **Matthew 27:35: His garments were divided among them.**
 4. **Mark 15:28: He was numbered with transgressors.**
 - B. The prophets foretold the manner of His death.
 1. **John 19:31-37: He was pierced, but not a bone in His body was broken.**
 2. **Acts 5:30; Deuteronomy 21:31: He was hung on a tree (figurative for cross).**
 - C. The prophets foretold the manner and duration of His burial.

1. Matthew 27:57-61; Isaiah 53:9: Though He hung next to thieves, He was buried with the rich.
2. Acts 2:27; Matthew 17:23; 27:57-28:4: He would not be in the grave long enough for His body to see corruption, for He would be raised on the third day.

D. It foretold of His Resurrection

1. Acts 2:23-36: As prophesied by David, Jesus rose on the third day and was seated at the right hand of God.
2. Acts 13:33-34; Psalm 2:7-9: The fact that Jesus was raised from the dead is **the evidence that He is the "only begotten"** of the Father that to Him all authority has been given.

Conclusion

1. Do you believe what the Scriptures teach about Jesus?
2. There is more evidence for proving that Jesus is the Son of God that is needed to prove a case in a court of law.
3. Are you willing to consider the evidence and believe in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God?