

TELLING THE JESUS STORY WELL – PART VII
“The Intellectual Approach”

When you talk with people about Jesus it is inevitable that they will ask questions, have doubts and raise objections. We need to answer questions and overcome objections with reasonable rational arguments. In other words, we need to defend the Jesus story, and do it well. This morning Pastor Bruce will explain how we can answer questions people may raise about the identity of Jesus.

OBJECTION: I DON'T BELIEVE JESUS WAS GOD, BUT I THINK HE WAS A GREAT TEACHER, A PROPHET, AN ENLIGHTENED MAN AND HAD A CONNECTION WITH THE DIVINE

#1. JESUS EXTRAVAGANT CLAIMS ABOUT _____

- A. I will raise the dead on my command, John 5:25-29
- B. I will answer prayer, John 14:13-14
- C. I will return & judge the nations, Mat 25:31-33
- D. I will rise from the dead, Mark 9:30-31
- E. I forgive sins, Mark 2:5-7
- F. I am the only way to God, John 3:16, 14:6

#2. JESUS PERFORMING _____

- A. Jesus miracles couldn't be denied by his enemies, Jn 3:2
- B. John's gospel is structured around 7 miracles
- C. Jesus miracles testified to his divine nature, John 14:11

#3. JESUS CLAIMS TO BE _____

- A. Jesus applied the divine name to himself, John 8:56
- B. Jesus said to see me is to see God, John 14:9
- C. Jesus accepted worship, John 9:38
- D. Jesus was convicted of blasphemy, Mat 26:62-66

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#5. JESUS FULFILLED MANY _____

- A. Eight prophecies that Jesus had no control over
 - 1. The place of his birth
 - 2. The time of his birth
 - 3. The Manner of his birth
 - 4. The betrayal by Judas
 - 5. The manner of his death
 - 6. The people's reactions (mocking, spitting, etc).
 - 7. The Piercing
 - 8. The Burial

The statistical probability of one man fulfilling these 8 Prophecies is _____

#6. JESUS CLAIMS TO HAVE _____ THE OLD COVENANT AND _____ THE NEW COVENANT

- A. Jesus claimed to fulfill the law, Mat 5:17
- B. Jesus ushered in the New Covenant, Luke 22:19-20

#7. THE CONCLUSION

- A. Jesus is _____
- B. Jesus is _____
- C. Jesus is _____

ANSWERS: Himself, Miracles, God, Prophecies, One Hundred Quadrillion, Fulfilled, Inaugurated, Lying, Delusional, Telling The Truth.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- #1. What are some of the objections that you've heard about the identity of Jesus?
- #2. Why is it that witnessing a miracle doesn't always illicit the response of faith?
- #3. In what way(s) does Jesus fulfilling prophecies bolster your faith?
- #4. What was Jesus convicted of by the Sanhedrin? Matthew 26:62-66
- #5. How was Jesus' prophetic ministry different from all the other prophets?
- #6. What new insights have you gained about Jesus from this teaching?
- #7. What is your take away from this teaching?

Welcome to Hillcrest Church

Love, Acceptance, Forgiveness!

*our gospel came to you not simply with words but
also with power, with the Holy Spirit
and deep conviction.*

1 Thessalonians 1:5

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

Thank you for visiting us this morning. We hope you have a blessed time of worship.

TODAY

Pastor Bruce is continuing the "Telling the Jesus Story Well" series. Today's message focuses on the intellectual approach to sharing the gospel.

ONLINE GATHERINGS

Prayer Meeting: Tuesday at 7pm with Pastor Tim Brooks

Session 3, Wednesday at 6:30 – 7:45pm: "Telling the Jesus Story Well" training with Pastor Bruce, Paul and Pat Milton. Go to the online meeting room on our website (hillcrestRoseville.com) to access the gathering.

PROJECT "WINDOW 23"

Thus far \$1,850 has been donated to pay for the \$5,000 window project. Thank you!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Our offering box is in the back of the sanctuary. You can place your tithes and offerings there, or you can visit our website and give online (hillcrestroseville.com).

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Sunday, March 12th set your clocks ahead one hour

APRIL 1ST – SATURDAY SPRING CLEANING

Saturday April 1st, from 9 – noon. Coffee, snacks and lunch will be provided.

APRIL 2ND – PALM SUNDAY

After the service help prepare the Easter egg hunt for the children. Snacks and beverages will be provided

GOOD FRIDAY REFLECTIONS – APRIL 7TH, 6PM

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 9TH

EAST INDIAN DINNER – SATURDAY, APRIL 22ND, 5:30PM

Join the Hillcrest family for our annual East Indian Dinner, which features authentic East Indian food that is delicious! The purpose of the dinner is to raise money for the Kibaale Community school in Uganda and the Great Commission Fund.

CHURCH IN THE PARK – JUNE 4TH