

BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT

TEACHER'S GUIDE Questions
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PROGRAM 1

Introduction and Preliminary Considerations

1. What are the four things all humans need for happiness and fulfillment?

ANSWER:

- a) _____ b) _____
c) _____ d) _____

2. How does a Christian find each of these? John 3:16 states these.

ANSWER:

- a) _____
b) _____
c) _____
d) _____

3. How does an atheist find each of these?

ANSWER:

- a) _____
b) _____
c) _____
d) _____

4. What are three essentials for having a beneficial religion or faith?

ANSWER:

- a) _____
b) _____
c) _____

5. What is the significance of the different definitions of "faith" in the dictionary and the definition in the Bible?

ANSWER: _____

6. In Acts 26:25, 26 Paul speaks to King Agrippa about what was happening on. To what did Paul appeal?

ANSWER: _____

7. What are some of the references that show that the authors of scripture knew that they were writing the Word of God?

ANSWER: _____

8. How might people's backgrounds and beliefs affect their acceptance and interpretations of archaeological finds?

ANSWER: _____

9. What are some of the limitations we face in the field of archaeology and the Bible?

ANSWER: _____

10. What should you gain from this study?

ANSWER: _____

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PROGRAM 2 The Textual Reliability of the Bible

1. Why is having a reliable Bible important?

ANSWER: _____

2. Give three ways knowing how we got the Bible is important:

ANSWER:
a) _____
b) _____
c) _____

3. What is the current arrangement and dates for the original Bible books?

ANSWER:
a) _____
b) _____

4. What is the importance of the "Dead Sea Scrolls"?

ANSWER: _____

5. Who were the Essenes and why is that important?

ANSWER: _____

6. Why is it important to have early manuscripts for the New Testament?

ANSWER: _____

7. There are two types of Greek manuscripts. What are they, how many are there?

ANSWER:
a) _____
b) _____

8. There are three important sources for creating a reliable New Testament. List them.

ANSWER:
a) _____
b) _____
c) _____

9. How are errors in manuscripts found and corrected?

ANSWER: _____

10. What are the “big three” Greek manuscripts for the New Testament?

ANSWER:

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

11. Where are these found?

ANSWER:

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

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PROGRAM 3

Archaeology and the Old Testament, Part 1

1. Why should students of the Bible care about archaeology and the Old Testament?

ANSWER: _____

2. What is the difference between a “minimalist” and a “maximalist” in archaeology?

ANSWER: _____

3. What are three limitations that exist in biblical archaeological research?

ANSWER:
a) _____
b) _____
c) _____

4. What is the importance of the Merneptah Stele?

ANSWER: _____

5. What is the importance of the Shishak Relief? See 2 Chronicles 12:1–12.

ANSWER: _____

6. What is the importance of the “house of David” inscription at Dan?

ANSWER: _____

7. What is the importance of the Moabite Stone?

ANSWER: _____

8. How do we know there were many villages around Jerusalem at the time of David?

ANSWER: _____

9. Eliat Mazar believes she has found something significant in Jerusalem. What is it?

ANSWER: _____

10. How do the backgrounds of people working on digs affect what they find?

ANSWER: _____

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PROGRAM 4

Archaeology and the Old Testament, Part 2

1. What is an inscription?

ANSWER: _____

2. What is a "stele"?

ANSWER: _____

3. What is a relief?

ANSWER: _____

4. What is an obelisk?

ANSWER: _____

5. What have been the major methods of recording information?

ANSWER: _____

6. What was the significance of the Rosetta Stone?

ANSWER: _____

7. What was the importance of the "Darius Inscription" at Behistin?

ANSWER: _____

8. What Bible king is mentioned on the Taylor Prism of the Assyrian king Sennacherib?

ANSWER: _____

9. What did the Siloam Inscription detail about a tunnel to get water to Jerusalem?

ANSWER: _____

10. What did the Black Obelisk show that is unique?

ANSWER: _____

11. What was different about the way the Babylonians treated their Israelite prisoners and what the Persians did with their prisoners?

ANSWER: _____

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PROGRAM 5

Archaeology and the New Testament, Part 1

1. Why is archaeology important in studying the validity of the New Testament?

ANSWER: _____

2. What are the major changes that took place in the 400 years between the Old Testament and the New Testament?

ANSWER: _____

3. What are five sites in Jerusalem that confirm the biblical account?

ANSWER: _____

4. What was Masada and how does it fit into the history of Israel?

ANSWER: _____

5. What was Caesarea Maritima?

ANSWER: _____

6. What was the "Pilate Inscription" and why is it significant?

ANSWER: _____

7. Where was Herod's tomb and where was it found?

ANSWER: _____

8. Who was Caiaphas and how do we know he was a real person?

ANSWER: _____

9. What was the "Nazareth Inscription"?

ANSWER: _____

10. Why is it that skeptics claim that the resurrection did not happen but that the disciples stole the body, a poor explanation of why Jesus' tomb does not exist?

ANSWER: _____

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PROGRAM 6

Archaeology and the New Testament, Part 2

1. Why is archaeological evidence about Paul and his journeys significant?

ANSWER: _____

2. Why is the claim that Paul fabricated everything in his life and writings a poor explanation?

ANSWER: _____

3. What is the significance of the "Sergius Paulus Inscription"?

ANSWER: _____

4. What has been found to back up the biblical account of Paul's visit to Philippi?

ANSWER: _____

5. What is the "Erastus Inscription" and why is it significant?

ANSWER: _____

6. Why is the "Gallio Inscription" found at Delphi of significance?

ANSWER: _____

7. What was "Mars Hill" referred to in Acts 17:19-34?

ANSWER: _____

8. Why is it significant that Paul was allowed to speak there?

ANSWER: _____

9. What was the Areopagus?

ANSWER: _____

10. In Acts 17:22-23 Paul makes reference to the abundance of idols in Athens. Why is this of significance?

ANSWER: _____

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PROGRAM 7

The Inspiration of the Bible

1. What are the five reasons that affirm the inspiration of the Bible.

ANSWER: _____

2. How does the Bible show unity?

ANSWER: _____

3. How does the Bible show historical accuracy?

ANSWER: _____

4. How does the Bible show positive influence?

ANSWER: _____

5. What is foreknowledge, and where is it seen in the Bible?

ANSWER: _____

6. What do we mean by scientific insights?

ANSWER: _____

7. What is the "vacuum cleaner" analogy?

ANSWER: _____

8. Why does the existence of evil not denigrate the existence of God?

ANSWER: _____

9. What is "Planck Time" and why is it important?

ANSWER: _____

10. What was the Steady State theory and why was it promoted by atheists for many years?

ANSWER: _____

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PROGRAM 8

Evidence for the Historical Reality of Jesus

1. Why can an atheist not believe good and evil exists?

ANSWER: _____

2. Why is the atheist claim that evil is a proof there is no God not valid?

ANSWER: _____

3. Why is it essential that humans be free moral agents?

ANSWER: _____

4. There are five evidences of biblical inspiration. Explain what they are:

ANSWER:
a) _____
b) _____
c) _____
d) _____
e) _____

5. Read Isaiah 40:22. There are two modern facts of science that are stated in this verse. What are they and when was this written?

ANSWER:
a) _____
b) _____

6. What did each of the following contribute to knowing Jesus actually lived?

ANSWER:
a) Pontius Pilate Inscripton _____
b) Herod the Great _____
c) Josephus _____
d) Coins _____

7. What are five reasons why it is impossible for the story of Jesus to be fabricated?

ANSWER:
a) _____
b) _____
c) _____
d) _____
e) _____

8. What did each of these non-Christian sources contribute to verification:

ANSWER:

a) Tacitus _____

b) Suetonius _____

c) Pliny _____

d) Josephus _____

e) Lucian Peregrinus _____

All of these show that Christianity was widespread and world wide.

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PROGRAM 9

Considering the Claims for the Divinity of Jesus

1. What are five claims Jesus made about himself?

ANSWER:

- a) John 3:16 _____
- b) John 8:58 _____
- c) John 4:26 _____
- d) John 5:22 _____
- e) John 14:6 _____

2. What are five ways that Jesus proved His claims?

ANSWER:

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____

3. There are two responses people can make to all these claims. What are they?

ANSWER:

- a) _____
- b) _____

4. Below are passages that contain specific teachings of Jesus Christ. Identify what those teachings are:

ANSWER:

- a) Matthew 23:4 _____
- b) Matthew 23:3, 23 _____
- c) John 18:36 _____
- d) Matthew 6:19 _____
- e) Matthew 7:2 _____
- f) John 4:9 _____
- g) John 8:7 _____
- h) Matthew 5:44 _____
- i) Matthew 5:2 _____
- j) Matthew 6:14 _____
- k) Matthew 7:12 _____
- l) Matthew 6:34 _____
- m) Matthew 5:4 _____
- n) John 14:2-3 _____

5. Who would have been drawn to Jesus by these statements, and who would have been repulsed?

ANSWER: _____

6. Why should each of us seriously consider the claims of Jesus?

ANSWER: _____
