

Our Cultural Moment

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FULL TEACHING SERIES

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- **Why apologetics? What Our Cultural Moment?**
 - Discipleship – 1 Peter 3:15 – “always be ready to give a defense (apologia) to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you”
 - Equipping – Ephesians 4:12 – “equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,”
 - Evangelism – Matthew 28:19-20 – “Go therefore and make disciples...teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you”
- **12 Points That Show Christianity Is True (developed by Dr. Norm Geisler):**
 1. Truth about reality is knowable.
 2. Opposites cannot both be true.
 3. It is true that God exists.
 4. Miracles are possible.
 5. Miracles confirm a message from God.
 6. The New Testament documents are reliable.
 7. The New Testament says Jesus claimed to be God.
 8. Jesus’s claim to be God miraculously confirmed.
 9. Therefore, Jesus is God.
 10. Whatever Jesus (who is God) teaches is true.
 11. **Jesus taught the Bible is the Word of God.**
 12. **Therefore, the Bible is the Word of God.**

POINT # 11 – Jesus Taught the Bible is the Word of God.

A. Jesus Confirmed the OT is the Word of God

- (1) The OT Scriptures were _____. Isaiah 40:8; Matthew 5:17-18
- (2) The OT Scriptures were _____. Matthew 22:43 (2 Sam 23:2; Zech 7:12)
- (3) The Scriptures are _____. John 10:35

- (4) The OT is the _____. Matthew 15:3, 6; Rom 3:2; Heb 5:12
- (5) Ultimate _____ is ascribed to the OT. Matthew 15:3, 6
- (6) Inerrancy of the Scriptures ... Matthew 22:29; John 17:17
- (7) Historical reliability of the OT
- (8) Scientific accuracy of the OT ... Matthew 19:4-5; Mark 10:6; 13:19; John 3:12

B. Jesus Promised the NT would be the Word of God

- (1) The Holy Spirit would teach His disciples _____. John 14:26; 16:13
- (2) The apostles claimed divine authority Jesus gave them. John 20:31; 1 John 1:1; 4:1, 5-6
- (3) The NT is the only authentic record of apostolic teaching. Eph 2:20; 3:3-5

C. Christ and the Critics

- (1) If Jesus was right, then the critics are _____.
- (2) Many critics assert that the first human beings _____ by natural processes. But Jesus insisted that Adam and Eve were created by God (Matthew 19:4-5).

D. Conclusion

- Matthew 28:18
- John 8:26
- Matthew 24:35

POINT # 12 – Therefore, it is true that the Bible is the Word of God.

- **Building from the foundation to the pinnacle, our twelve points that show Christianity is true looks like this...**

