

IS JESUS REALLY GOD? Explore God – Part 5 of 7

KEY OBSERVATION: Christianity doesn't exist because of the **BIBLE**. The reason there is the Bible is because of **CHRISTIANITY**.

"8 ... 'Rulers and elders of the people! 9 If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed, 10 then know this...it is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead...12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved!' 13 When they saw the courage of Peter and John, they realized they were unschooled, ordinary men. They were astonished, and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. 14 But since they could see that the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say. 15 So they sent Peter and John and this gentleman out of the room, and they conferred together. They said, '16 What can we do? Everybody living in Jerusalem thinks God has done a miracle at the words of these men.'" Acts 4:8-10, 12-16

"24 When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. 'Sovereign Lord,' they said, 'You made the Heavens and the Earth and the sea and everything in them.'" 25 You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father, David: Why do the nations rage and the people's plot in vain? 26 The kings of the Earth rise up, and the ruler's band together against the Lord and against his anointed one. 27 Indeed, Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city, to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. 28 They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. 29 Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. 30 Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant, Jesus.' 31 After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they all spoke the word of God boldly." Acts 4:24-31

KEY TRUTH #1: The boldness of first century Christians was about a **SINGLE EVENT** that is at the center of everything we believe as Christ Followers.

"With great power, the Apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus..." Acts 4:33

KEY TRUTH #2: Their confidence was anchored in and founded on the **RESURRECTION** of Jesus.

BOTTOM LINE: The reason we have confidence Jesus is God is because God **RAISED** Jesus from the **DEAD**.

"7 If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him. 8 Philip said, 'Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.' 9 'Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. 10 The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. 11 Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves'". John 14:7-11

"He said to them, when you pray, say: 'Father' . . ." Luke 11:2

"God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in Spirit and in truth." John 4:24

"God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them." 1 John 4:16

"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16