

Series: “Cold Case Christianity” by J. Warner Wallace

Sermon: The Cosmic Circumstantial Case

Primary Texts: Isaiah 1:18; 40:26; Romans 1:20; 1 Peter 3:15

Book Content: Chapters 3 & 10

Discussion guide:

- Read 1 Peter 3:15
 - Why is it important “always be ready to give a reason for the hope that you have”?
 - Why is it important to do this “with gentleness and respect”?
 - What is the reason for your belief?
 - Why is it important for our reason to be more than “this is who I was raised”?
- Why is it important for Christians to study why Christianity is true?
- Read John 18:37 and John 14:6
 - What do these verses say about Jesus and truth?
 - Why is the following statement “self-refuting”: Objective truth doesn’t exist.
 - Why does the world attack the concept of truth?
 - How is this a distraction?
- Read Romans 3:23, Ecclesiastes 7:20, 1 Kings 8:46, 1 John 1:8-10
 - What do these verses say about sinfulness?
 - With this in mind, why do
 - Non Christians see Christians failures as proof that Christianity is not credible?
 - Christians see a “Christians” moral failures as proof that they are not Christians?
 - How is this a distraction?
- Read Jesus’ words in Matthew 26:52, Matthew 5:38-48...
 - What is Jesus teaching here?
 - Many atheists point to violence done in Christ’s name as a way to disprove Christianity. How do these verses respond to that argument?
 - How is this argument a distraction?
- Read any or all of the following: Romans 1:20, John 14:11, Acts 1:2-3, 1 Peter 5:13
 - What do these verses tell you about the Bible’s attitude toward evidence?
 - How is the atheist argument that faith requires ignoring evidence refuted here?
- Read Romans 1:20
 - How does what was made display God’s eternal power?
 - How does what was made display God’s divine nature?
 - How does creation make God’s existence to evident that people are “without excuse”?
- Read Psalms 14:1

- Why is it foolish to believe that there is no God?
- Discuss and define each of the following pieces of “circumstantial evidence” that J. Warner Wallace (and many others) cite as pointing toward a Creator God.
 - The universe has a beginning
 - The universe seems to be designed
 - The universe sustains complex life (DNA)
 - The universe has objective morality
- Which do you find most compelling and why?