

## **Living Proof: Jesus is Proof...**

Since the beginning of time, mankind has been in search of truth. Why am I here? What is life? Where did life begin? Is there a God? What is true and real? And, where is the proof? These questions of life have been asked by every generation to ever live. Our faith and eternity find their source and depend on the accuracy of the Bible. Indeed, all of our hope is written in Scripture.

Jesus said in John 17:17, "Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth."

But, how can we know for sure that it is true? The proof is abundant in the ancient texts, physical evidence in archaeology, and in the living proof of those who have been witnesses. We will search all of this evidence and see that it is true. But, the best evidence is your life transformed as living proof that Jesus lives. Let's find that truth together!

### **The Bible is True – Words of Prophecy.**

14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)

6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon[a] his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)

6 Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness; 7 you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions; (Psalm 45:6-7)

2 But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. (Micah 5:2)

10 "And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn. (Zechariah 12:10)

13 "I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. 14 And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed. (Daniel 7:13-14)

### **The Bible is True – Words of Witnesses.**

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (John 1:1)

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side,[b] he has made him known. (John 1:18)

18 This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God. (John 5:18)

5 To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen. (Romans 9:5)

5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. (Philippians 2:5-7)

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. (Colossians 1:15-17)

3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, (Hebrews 1:2)

9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, (Colossians 2:9)

20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. (1 John 5:20)

16 Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” (Matthew 16:16)

28 Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” (John 20:28)

### **The Bible is True – Words of Jesus.**

58 Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” (John 8:58)

30 I and the Father are one.” (John 10:30)

6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” 8 Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for

us.” 9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? (John 14:6-9)

18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. (Matthew 28:18)

10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” (Luke 19:10)

16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. (John 3:16-17)

25 The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” 26 Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.” (John 4:25-26)

61 But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” 62 And Jesus said, “I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.” (Mark 14:61-62)

### **The Bible is True – Actions Speak Louder Than Words.**

5 And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? 6 He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, 7 that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” 8 And they remembered his words, 9 and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. (Luke 24:5-9)

**Jesus is the only Way, Truth, and Life. Choose Him today!**

## **The Second Mile: *Going Beyond Sunday***

Let’s dig deeper together to see how God is calling and equipping each of us to reach the lost.

**Monday** – God told the people, through prophets, of a Savior. Why didn’t they believe or continue to believe? How is the “waiting” the hardest part of faith?

**Tuesday** – God’s prophecy has been perfectly fulfilled to date. Why do we then doubt what remains to be? We have the all the proof we need.

**Wednesday** – Jesus’ disciples were eyewitnesses. Simon Peter declared during Jesus’ life and the others after the resurrection. Who do you say He is? Who do you tell? How do you tell them?

**Thursday** – Jesus declared Himself. What description (shepherd, gate) suits your soul best? Why?

**Friday** – The empty tomb proved the Word, prophecy, eyewitnesses, and Jesus true. How?