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A BIBLICAL RESPONSE TO THE GREAT QUESTIONS OF LIFE

## HEBREWS 4:12-13

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### **WHY DOES CHRISTIANITY CLAIM TO BE RIGHT? – PART 3** CHRISTIANITY AMONG THE RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Christianity, Apologetics, Scripture, Biblical Reliability

### Introduction to the Topic **We pick it up now in part 3 of Our WHY SERIES Considerations,**

### **WHY DOES CHRISTIANITY CLAIM TO BE RIGHT?** CHRISTIANITY AMONG THE RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD

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“To be honest, I didn't want to believe that Christianity could radically transform someone's character and values. It was much easier to raise doubts and manufacture outrageous objections that to consider the possibility that God actually could trigger a revolutionary turn-around in such a depraved and degenerate life.” – **Lee Strobel, Journalist, Chicago Sun Times**

### A Montage of Scripture

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fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. 17 For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." 18 And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. **2 Peter 1:19-21** 19 And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; 20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. **Psalms 138:2c** For You have magnified Your **Word** above all Your name. **John 1:1-3,14** In the beginning was the **Word**, and the **Word** was with God, and the **Word** was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made., **John 1:14** And the **Word** became flesh and dwelt among us,

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- 1.) Consider the Bible's "Self Claims"
- 2.) Consider the Bible's "Historicity"
- 3.) Consider the Bible's "Declarations"
- 4.) Consider the Bible's "Eschatological Assertions"

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### 5.) Consider the Bible's "Corroborative Integrity"

#### **Matthew 5:17-18**

"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. **18** For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

**Jesus Christ Himself validates the integrity of the Bible.**  
( the Bible is God's medium / conduit / vehicle by which God has communication to the world & to an individual )

#### **Isaiah 7:14**

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

#### **Matthew 1:23**

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

**Joel 2:28**

“And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions.

**Acts 2:16**

But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

**Zechariah 9:9**

“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.

**Matthew 21:5**

“Tell the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your King is coming to you, lowly, and sitting on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.’ ”

**Psalm 22:18**

They divide My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.

**Matthew. 27:35**

Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet: “They divided My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.”

**Psalm 34:20**

He guards all his bones; Not one of them is broken.

**John 19:36**

For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, “Not one of His bones shall be broken.”

**Let’s Take a Look at Just Matthew’s Gospel Alone**

Mat 2:6	Mic 5:2
Mat 2:15	Hsa 11:1
Mat 2:18	Jer 31:15
Mat 3:3	Isa 40:3
Mat 4:4	Deu 8:3
Mat 4:6	Psa 91:11, 12
Mat 4:7	Deu 6:16
Mat 4:10	Deu 6:13
Mat 4:10	Deu 10:20
Mat 4:15,16	Isa 9:1, 2
Mat 4:15, 16	Isa 42:7
Mat 5:5	Psa 37:11 *
Mat 5:21	Exd 20:13 *

Mat 5:21	Deu 5:17
Mat 5:27	Exd 20:14 *
Mat 5:27	Deu 5:18
Mat 5:31	Deu 24:1 *
Mat 5:33	Exd 20:7 *
Mat 5:33	Lev 19:12 *
Mat 5:38	Exd 21:24 *
Mat 5:38	Lev 24:20 *
Mat 5:38	Deu 19:21
Mat 5:43	Lev 19:18 *
Mat 5:48	Gen 17:1
Mat 7:23	Psa 6:8
Mat 8:4	Lev 14:2, 3 *
Mat 8:17	Isa 53:4
Mat 9:13	Hsa 6:6
Mat 10:35, 36	Mic 7:6 *
Mat 11:5	Isa 35:5 *
Mat 11:5	Isa 29:18 *
Mat 11:10	Mal 3:1
Mat 11:14	Mal 4:5 *
Mat 12:3	1Sa 21:6 *
Mat 12:5	Num 28:9, 10 *
Mat 12:7	Hsa 6:6
Mat 12:18	Isa 42:1
Mat 12:18-21	Isa 42:1-4
Mat 12:40	Jon 1:17 &c *
Mat 12:42	1Ki 10:1 *
Mat 13:14	Isa 6:9, 10
Mat 13:35	Psa 78:2
Mat 15:4	Exd 20:12
Mat 15:4	Deu 5:16
Mat 15:4	Exd 21:17
Mat 15:4	Lev 20:9 *
Mat 15:4	Pro 20:20 *
Mat 15:8, 9	Isa 29:13
Mat 16:4	Jon 1:17 *
Mat 17:10	Mal 4:5 *
Mat 18:15	Lev 19:17 *
Mat 18:16	Lev 19:15 *
Mat 18:16	Deu 19:15 *
Mat 19:4	Gen 1:27 *
Mat 19:5	Gen 2:24
Mat 19:7	Deu 24:1 *
Mat 19:18	Exd 20:12 &c
Mat 19:19	Lev 19:18
Mat 19:26	Jer 32:17 *
Mat 21:5	Zec 9:9
Mat 21:9	Psa 118:26

Mat 21:13	Isa 56:7
Mat 21:13	Jer 7:11
Mat 21:16	Psa 8:2
Mat 21:33	Isa 5:1 *
Mat 21:42	Psa 118:22, 23
Mat 21:44	Isa 8:14 *
Mat 21:44	Zec 12:3 *
Mat 21:44	Dan 2:34, 35, 44 *
Mat 22:24	Deu 25:5
Mat 22:32	Exd 3:6
Mat 22:37	Deu 6:5
Mat 22:39	Lev 19:18
Mat 22:44	Psa 110:1
Mat 23:35	Gen 4:8 *
Mat 23:35	2Ch 24:21, 22 *
Mat 23:38	Psa 69:25 *
Mat 23:38	Jer 12:7 *
Mat 23:38	Jer 22:5 *
Mat 23:39	Psa 118:26 *
Mat 24:15	Dan 9:27 *
Mat 24:15	Dan 8:13 *
Mat 24:15	Dan 11:31 *
Mat 24:15	Dan 12:11 *
Mat 24:21	Jer 30:7
Mat 24:29	Isa 13:9, 10 *
Mat 24:29	Joe 2:10 *
Mat 24:29	Joe 3:15 *
Mat 24:29	Eze 32:7 *
Mat 24:35	Isa 51:16 *
Mat 24:37	Gen 7:4 *
Mat 25:41	Psa 6:8
Mat 26:24	Psa 22:1-31 *
Mat 26:31	Zec 13:7
Mat 26:60	Psa 35:11 *
Mat 26:67	Isa 50:6 *
Mat 27:9, 10	Zec 11:13
Mat 27:35	Psa 22:18
Mat 27:43	Psa 22:7, 8, 9 *
Mat 27:46	Psa 22:1

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**Jonah 1:17**

Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

### **Matthew 12:39-40**

But Jesus answered and said to them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. **40** For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

### **The Pharisees remained unconvinced of Jesus’ claims**

about Himself, despite His having just cured a demon-possessed man who was both blind and mute. Shortly after the Pharisees accused Jesus of driving out demons by the power of Satan, they said to Him, “Teacher, we want to see a sign from you.”

### **Matthew 12:31-32**

“Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men. **32** Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.

## **This is The Unforgivable Sin**

Jesus was probably crucified on a Friday (Mark 15:42). According to the standard reckoning, Jesus died at about 3:00 PM (Matthew 27:46) on Friday (day 1). He remained dead for all of Saturday (day 2) and rose from the dead early on Sunday morning (day 3).

## **WHY DOES CHRISTIANITY CLAIM TO BE RIGHT?**

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### **6.) Consider the Bible’s “Evidentiary Influences”**

Meaning – what evidence is there that the Bible has an effect on a person, people, a culture, a nation and or the world.

## **What happened / happens to people who encounter God?**

Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaiah, Daniel, Mary, Peter, James, John, Paul and what about you? What about others around you?

**<< A Personal Testimony >>**

**<< What is Your Personal Testimony regarding Your Encounter >>**

# **Is a changed life, evidence for the power and validity of the Christian Faith?**

## **The Role of Christian Missionaries in the abolition of the Sati custom in India.**

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“The abolition of Sati in 1829 owes much to the efforts of the Christian missionaries. William Carey of Baptist missionary was the first man who led the campaign for a abolishing the sati custom in Calcutta. They worked against the British government, which was hesitant to take any action against this custom. They sent investigators collected data , compiled statistics of the victims, and they preached and published books and pamphlets against the rite, and thus helped to create in Britain an anti Sati public opinion. These works forced British parliament to prohibit this practice. This article is an attempt to analyze the e role of missionaries in abolition of Sati.”

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