

and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed *it* unto them.

20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

*B. In order to justify your continued rejection of Jesus, it is you that must prove He is not real.*

1. How's that working for you?
2. It must be discouraging trying to do that which cannot be done.
3. This all leaves you in a dilemma with only one solution.

### **Conclusion:**

**The Christ you are trying to imagine away is drawing you to Himself; or you would not be reading or listening to this message.**

**What is most amazing is that even in your unbelief, Jesus still loves you; even enough to die in your place.**

**Your only solution is to come to Jesus.**

**We are here to show you how.**

## **Many Infallible Proofs**

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Good morning, Lighthouse, are you ready for the Word of God this morning?

### **Acts 1:1-11**

1 The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

4 And, being assembled together with *them*, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but **wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.**

5 **For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.**

6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

7 And he said unto them, **It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.**

8 **But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be**

witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

It is often said that Satan's greatest achievement was to convince the world that he does not exist.

Today we are bombarded with a Satanic inspired media of the educated elite that is attempting to rewrite history to say that Jesus never really existed.

Today most major universities are controlled by atheistic liberals. What is taught in our public schools, even in elementary levels, is anti-Christ.

The totally illogical and completely un-scientific anti-creator theory of trans-species evolution is presented, not as the outrageous theory it is, but as fact.

equestrian order, was sent together with him, to have the supreme power over the Jews.

Moreover, Cyrenius came himself into Judea, which was now added to the province of Syria, to take an account of their substance, and to dispose of Archelaus's money; but the Jews, although at the beginning they took the report of a taxation heinously, yet did they leave off any further opposition to it, by the persuasion of Joazar, who was the son of Beethus, and high priest; so they, being over-persuaded by Joazar's words, gave an account of their estates, without any dispute about it.

### **III. The fact, however is, that we have nothing to prove.**

*A. If you are one of those who still abides in rejection of Jesus Christ as the one and only Savior of the world:*

1. We share this information today strictly as a matter of kindness and courtesy.
2. We are not trying to prove or convince you that Jesus is real.
3. The fact is that God has already revealed Himself to you many times.
4. **Romans 1:18-20** For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness

*up their affection for him. On the third day he appeared ... restored to life.... And the tribe of Christians ... has ... not disappeared.*

**B. There are also numerous historical references that coincide with the Bible.**

1. For example, the Roman taxation of Judea.

### **Luke 2:1-5**

1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

2 (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

2. Josephus in Antiquities 18.1.1.

1. NOW Cyrenius, a Roman senator, and one who had gone through other magistracies, and had passed through them till he had been consul, and one who, on other accounts, was of great dignity, came at this time into Syria, with a few others, being sent by Caesar to be a judge of that nation, and to take an account of their substance. Coponius also, a man of the

“Well, since we know that the universe is billions and billions of years old, then this and this and this must have happened in order for us to be here now.”

No, fool! We don't know that the universe is billions of years old - because it is not.

Everything the evolutionist believes is based, not on fact, but on a single false assumption regarding the age of creation.

Satan is real and he is a lot of things; one of them is that he is very smart!

In the realm of debate and argument and in the presentation of evidence for new theories and ideas; the burden of proof lies upon the presenters of those new theories, not upon those who represent the case of well-known and established facts.

Satan, with his horde of minions, has all but turned this around. Their manufactured so-called evidence for evolution vs. creation has failed to stand any test of proof.

Yet their strategy is to scream it long enough and loud enough and herald it from enough so-called legitimate sources that it simply will be accepted without any real evidence; and so it has.

To our discredit, they have, to a large degree, succeeded in this.

Satan now has much of the Christian world occupied with trying to prove that Jesus actually existed, instead of preaching the gospel and spreading the Word like we were commanded to do.

Ladies and gentlemen, God IS and Jesus, being God in flesh, IS as well. God does not need us to prove that He IS in order for Him to BE.

It is rather the world who must prove that He is *not* in order to justify their rejection of Him.

It's not like Jesus didn't know all this was coming, so to deal with it He left us many infallible proofs, being seen of many witnesses over a period of a month and ten days after He rose from the dead.

Forty days may not seem like a long time to accomplish some things; however, I expect that most nearly anyone could, at least in forty days, prove they were alive.

There were hundreds (perhaps even thousands) of eyewitnesses to the presence of Christ after He rose from the dead.

### **I. The Holy Bible is filled with eyewitness testimony to the resurrection of Christ.**

*fraud, theft or adultery, never to falsify their word, nor deny a trust when they should be called upon to deliver it up; after which it was their custom to separate, and then reassemble to partake of food – but food of an ordinary and innocent kind.*

3. Perhaps the most remarkable reference to Jesus outside the Bible can be found in the writings of Josephus, a first century Jewish historian. On two occasions, in his *Jewish Antiquities*, he mentions Jesus. The second, less revealing, reference describes the condemnation of one "James" by the Jewish Sanhedrin. This James, says Josephus, was "the brother of Jesus the so-called Christ." [14] F.F. Bruce points out how this agrees with Paul's description of James in [Galatians 1:19](#) as "the Lord's brother." [15] And Edwin Yamauchi informs us that "few scholars have questioned" that Josephus actually penned this passage. [16]

As interesting as this brief reference is, there is an earlier one, which is truly astonishing. Called the "Testimonium Flavianum," the relevant portion declares:

*About this time there lived Jesus, a wise man, if indeed one ought to call him a man. For he ... wrought surprising feats.... He was the Christ. When Pilate ...condemned him to be crucified, those who had . . . come to love him did not give*

*Nero fastened the guilt ... on a class hated for their abominations, called Christians by the populace. Christus, from whom the name had its origin, suffered the extreme penalty during the reign of Tiberius at the hands of ... Pontius Pilatus, and a most mischievous superstition, thus checked for the moment, again broke out not only in Judaea, the first source of the evil, but even in Rome....*[\[5\]](#)

2. Another important source of evidence about Jesus and early Christianity can be found in the letters of Pliny the Younger to Emperor Trajan. Pliny was the Roman governor of Bithynia in Asia Minor. In one of his letters, dated around A.D. 112, he asks Trajan's advice about the appropriate way to conduct legal proceedings against those accused of being Christians.[\[8\]](#) Pliny says that he needed to consult the emperor about this issue because a great multitude of every age, class, and sex stood accused of Christianity.[\[9\]](#)

At one point in his letter, Pliny relates some of the information he has learned about these Christians:

*They were in the habit of meeting on a certain fixed day before it was light, when they sang in alternate verses a hymn to Christ, as to a god, and bound themselves by a solemn oath, not to any wicked deeds, but never to commit any*

*A. The enemies of God would tell you that you can't use the Bible as proof because it is biased.*

1. They say the Bible is a theological book, not a historical book.
2. The Bible is a theological book, true enough; but it is also the most complete and accurate history book there ever has been.
3. There is archeological evidence for nearly every place, time and event recorded in the Bible; and more is being discovered every day.
4. No one but a fool could visit Israel and then still deny that the Bible is a historical book.
5. Everything you read about is sitting there; the crown of which is the empty tomb; even the stone that sealed Jesus in has now been found and is on display up on Mt. Nebo.
6. Talk about a reputable source; 66 books written by 40 men over 1600 years, each with the same theme and about the same central character with thousands of historical details with dates, times and places with no contradictions, disagreement within the texts or mistakes AT ALL; even with the enemies of God trying to find and prove even one for hundreds of years.

*B. The recorded Biblical witnesses to His resurrection number in the hundreds.*

1. **John 20:15-16**

15 Jesus saith unto her, **Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou?** She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.

16 Jesus saith unto her, **Mary.** She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master...

2. **John 20:19-21**

19 Then the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, **Peace be unto you.**

20 And when he had so said, he shewed unto them *his* hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

21 Then said Jesus to them again, **Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.**

3. **Acts 1:4** And, being assembled together with *them*, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but **wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.**

4. **1 Corinthians 15:1-8**

1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

7 After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.

8 And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.

**II. Ancient secular history contains many references to the resurrected Christ.**

*A. Here are a few secular references to Christ.*

1. Historian Edwin Yamauchi calls "*probably the most important reference to Jesus outside the New Testament.*"<sup>[4]</sup> Reporting on Emperor Nero's decision to blame the Christians for the fire that had destroyed Rome in A.D. 64, the Roman historian Tacitus wrote: