



God's Library

Week 1: Getting The BIG Picture

Week 2: The Historicity Of The Old Testament

Week 3: The Historicity Of The New Testament

Week 4: Current Issues & Debates

Introduction – So Many Opinions, So Little Thought

Gospel of Thomas, Sayings 77 & 113 VS. Luke 17:20-21

Mark 2:10-11 – *God is an* _____.

Objections Overruled

OBJECTION #1: But Jesus never _____.

- Tacitus (55-120 CE), Roman historian.
- Suetonius (117-138 CE), Roman historian.
- Pliny the Younger (112 CE), Roman administrator.
- Lucian (115-200 CE), well-known Greek satirist & lecturer.
- Acts of Pontius Pilate (contemporary to Pilate).
- Mara Bar-Serapion (2nd Century CE)
- The Talmud
- Josephus (90-95 CE), Jewish historian working for Romans.

RESPONSE: No other ancient figure has better textual support.

OBJECTION #2: We can't know anything _____ about him.

RESPONSE: Just based on the secular evidence, we could learn enough to commit to Christ.

OBJECTION #3: He was a good _____, period.

RESPONSE: Even the secular evidence focuses on his claims to be the...

OBJECTION #4: The Bible (NT) was written too _____ to be trusted.

John 19:35; 1 John 1:1; Acts 2:22; 1 Corinthians 11:23 & 15:3; 1 Timothy 5:18; 2 Peter 3:15-16

OBJECTION #5: It is more religious _____ than history.

Some confirming archaeological discoveries...

- The Nazareth Decree
- The Pilate Stone
- Pool of Siloam (**John 9**) & Pool of Bethesda (**John 5**)
- The bones of Caiaphas

OBJECTION #6: But they're full of _____!

OBJECTION #7: We don't have the _____ anyway.

OBJECTION #8: But _____ like that just can't happen!

Conclusion – The Unconquerable Objection

1 Corinthians 12:3

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

WARMING UP...

1. After reviewing this week's message, talk about one new thing you've learned or have been challenged by.

LOOK TO THE BOOK...

2. Read a parable that sums up the story of God's people in **Mark 12:1-12**.
- a. Most scholars agree that Mark is the earliest written Gospel of Jesus and those who are skeptical prefer it because they say it has less developed thought about Jesus' divine nature and is more straight to the point, emphasizing his human nature (e.g., compare the opening verses of Mark and John). How does even this story of the vineyard owner and his tenants suggest that Jesus is in a different exalted category than any prophet sent by God?
 - b. What event do you think **verse 9** is talking about?

SO WHAT?...

3. In what ways are you tempted to be like the tenants in this story with the things that God lets you have in this life? Talk about examples and what steps you should take to give God his part of the produce (**v. 2**). Pray.

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