

## How Do We Know God Exists?

### I. The evidence from creation.

- A. The universe must have a cause that is all-powerful and eternal.
  
- B. Life must have a cause that is living and intelligent.
  
- C. Mankind must have a cause that is personal and moral.

**<sup>1</sup>The heavens are telling of the glory of God; And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands. Psalms 19:1 (NASB)**

### II. The evidence from the Bible.

#### A. Fulfilled prophecy

- 1) Micah 5:2 predicts that Messiah will be born in Bethlehem.
- 2) Isaiah 40:3 predicts that a person will precede Messiah who prepares the people for his coming.
- 3) Zechariah 9:9 predicts that Messiah will enter Jerusalem on a donkey
- 4) Psalm 41:9 reveals that Messiah will be betrayed by a close friend.
- 5) Zechariah 11:12 predicts Messiah will be sold for thirty pieces of silver.
- 6) Zechariah 11:13 predicts that the thirty pieces of silver would then be thrown into the Temple and ultimately used to purchase a field.
- 7) Isaiah 53:7 predicts that Messiah would not speak to his accusers
- 8) Psalm 22:16 and Isaiah 53:12 predict that Messiah would be pierced and die among transgressors of the law.

#### B. The Resurrection of Jesus.

- 1. Jesus claimed to be God (John 5:18; 8:58; 12:45; 14:9; 19:7)

**<sup>58</sup>Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am." <sup>59</sup>Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple. John 8:58-59 (NASB)**

**<sup>9</sup>Jesus \*said to him, "Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how *can* you say, 'Show us the Father'?" John 14:9 (NASB)**

2. Jesus predicted his own death and resurrection (Mk. 8:31; 9:31; 10:34; John 2:18-22)
3. There is no natural explanation for a resurrection from the dead. If Jesus was raised it would prove the existence of the supernatural and validate Jesus' claim.
4. Jesus rose from the dead (Mat. 28:1-11; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20-21; 1 Cor. 15:1-8)

### III. Consequences of the Biblical World View.