

Is Jesus History to You or Eternal Life

Slide 3&4. Introduction

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Before History Began, God Existed

Neither the Father, the Son, nor the Holy Spirit were created. They always have been and always will be. God has no equal and no Opposite!

Satan was created

Only God knows the end from the beginning

Evidence for the Eternal Christ is Historically Reliable

God Makes Choices based on His Faithfulness

What's Your Choice? History or Eternal

Slide 5. Text [1Jo 1:1-3 KJV] 1 That **which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;** 2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen [it], and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) 3 **That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship [is] with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.**

To The New Testament Authors Jesus is from before the beginning, before History Began, He is Eternal. To Me Jesus is Eternal.

Slide 6. [Jhn 8:57-58 KJV] 57 Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? 58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

Slide 7. [Jhn 17:4-5 KJV] 4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. 5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self **with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.**

Jesus stepped in and out of the Time line.

Slide 8. We see Jesus in other places of Scripture. [Jos 5:13-15 KJV] 13 And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, [Art] thou for us, or for our adversaries? 14 And he said, Nay; but [as] captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant? 15 **And the captain of the LORD'S host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest [is] holy. And Joshua did so. (Wherever God is, the place is holy. What happens to any unholiness that might be present?)**

Slide 9. [Gen 32:24-28 KJV] 24 And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. 25 And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him. 26 And

he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. 27 And he said unto him, What [is] thy name? And he said, Jacob. 28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

Slide 10. **Angels do not want to be worshiped.** [Rev 19:10 KJV] 10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See [thou do it] not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

Jesus was not Created. He Made or Created History

Slide 11 [Col 1:15-17 KJV] 15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: 16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether [they be] thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: 17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

Slide 12 [Heb 1:1-2 KJV] 1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by [his] Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; (Universe)

Slide 13 [Mar 10:6 KJV] 6 But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.

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Slide 14 [Isa 40:18 KJV] 18 To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him?

Slide 14 [Isa 46:5 KJV] 5 To whom will ye liken me, and make [me] equal, and compare me, that we may be like?

Slide 15 [Mar 4:30 KJV] 30 And he said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it?

Slide 15 [Luk 13:18 KJV] 18 Then said he, Unto what is the kingdom of God like? and whereunto shall I resemble it?

Satan has a history. He was created. He is not equal or opposite to God

Slide 16 [Eze 28:13-15 KJV] 13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone [was] thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. 14 Thou [art] the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee [so]: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. **15 Thou [wast] perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.**

[Eze 28:15 NLT] 15 "You were blameless in all you did from the day you were created until the day evil was found in you.

Slide 17 [Jhn 8:44 KJV] 44 Ye are of [your] father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

[Jhn 8:44 NLT] 44 For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Slide 18 [Rev 20:10 KJV] 10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet [are], and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Only God knows the end from the beginning

Slide 19 [Isa 46:10 KJV] 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times [the things] that are not [yet] done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

[Isa 46:10 NLT] 10 Only I can tell you the future before it even happens. Everything I plan will come to pass, for I do whatever I wish.

[Ecc 3:14 KJV] 14 I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth [it], that [men] should fear before him.

His apostles heard him, saw him with their own eyes and handled the Word of Life with their own hands.

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Slide 21&22 Evidence for the Gospel Message is Historically Reliable

- ❖ **Early Testimony –**
 - **Matthew -50s or 60s a.d. Mark 50s or 60s a., Luke Early 60s a.d., John, 85 a.d., Acts 62-64 a.d.**
 - **Galations 48-55 a.d., James 40-50 a.d.**
 - **Around 80 years after the Resurrection of Christ the books of the New testament were completed**
- ❖ **Eyewitness Testimony – New Testament chocked full of Testimony**
- ❖ **Eyewitnesses are trustworthy – What did they have to gain?**
- ❖ **Multiple independent eyewitness sources exist. Luke named 11 historical figures that have been verified by nonChristian writers and archeologists. Writers such as Josephus mentioned John the Baptist and Jesus and the resurrection**
- ❖ **The New Testament gives events that are embarrassing to authors. Women were the first to see the risen Savior. Peter the first leader of the Church denied the Lord three times. Paul had Christians arrested, tortured, and killed.**

- ❖ **Authentic or Undisputed Testimony - authenticity means you're true to your own personality, values, and spirit, regardless of the pressure that you're under to act otherwise. What did the disciples have to gain by giving their testimony?**
- ❖ **Eyewitnesses were not deceived. (Jim Jones, David Koresh) Jasper AR 1980s**

Slide 23 God makes Choices Because He is Faithful

[Deu 7:6 KJV] 6 For thou [art] an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that [are] upon the face of the earth.

[Deu 7:7 KJV] 7 The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye [were] the fewest of all people:

[Deu 9:6 KJV] 6 Understand therefore, that the LORD thy God giveth thee not this good land to possess it for thy righteousness; for thou [art] a stiffnecked people.

Slide 24 What is your choice? History or Eternal Life?

[Jos 24:15 KJV] 15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that [were] on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

The Holy Spirit will teach you what, when, and where to choose.

Slide 25 [Psa 25:10-12 KJV] 10 All the paths of the LORD [are] mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies. 11 For thy name's sake, O LORD, pardon mine iniquity; for it [is] great. 12 What man [is] he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the way [that] he shall choose.

We have a mission as a corporate church but we must have individuals to fulfill it.

One person can make a difference. Years ago Alton Garrison was receiving a missions offering and a six year-old girl brought him a mason jar with \$12.45. She told him I have been saving this money to buy my mommy a house, but I want to give it for these Bibles. Her momma was strung out on drugs, mainly meth and facing 23 felony counts and three years in prison. The little girl knew something was broken in her home and wanted to fix it. Her mother was a pastor's daughter and raised in church. She had attended Sunday School and was a regular at Church Camp. Now she was a very dysfunctional individual. The little girl was staying with her grandparents because she had been taken away from her mother. This was the church Alton was at. Since he knew the little girl's situation, he tried to get her to keep it but she insisted. Her unselfish act of generosity inspired others. Alton took her and her grandparents to a missions banquet. He told the attendees the little girl's story of giving and that night those present were moved to pledge more than \$2 million for Bibles.

The mother went to court and amazingly the judge sent her to halfway house instead of prison. She was wonderfully saved and 10 years later served as a worship leader in church. That little girl made a difference to her mom as well as others.