

## Outline of Christian Evidence

1. Evidence for God
  - a. Cosmological
  - b. Teleological
  - c. Moral
  - d. Ontological
  - e. Historical
2. Prophecy
  - a. See list of 45 prophecies of Jesus, including 17 prophecies about Jesus' death alone e.g. being betrayed by a friend, sold for 30 pieces of silver, forsaken by his disciples, silent before his accusers, mocked, pierced hands and feet, crucified with thieves, bones will not be broken
  - b. List of 361 prophecies of Jesus
  - c. 1000+ prophecies in Old Testament have been fulfilled
3. Historicity of Jesus
  - a. External evidence
    - i. Josephus, Jewish Historian [Antiquities 18, chapter 3](#)
    - ii. Tacitus, Roman Historian [Annals 15.44](#)
    - iii. Lucian of Samsota, Greek Satirist, [The Works of Lucian, Vol. IV “The Death of Peregrin” \(scroll down to 11\)](#)
    - iv. Mara Bar-Serapion, Syrian prisoner, [A Letter of Mara, Son of Serapion \(scroll down to just after footnote 19\)](#)
    - v. The Jewish Talmud, Jewish oral tradition and commentary on the Law
    - vi. Pliny the Younger, Greek critic of Christianity
    - vii. Celsus, Greek critic of Christianity
  - b. Internal Evidence
    - i. Criterion of multiple attestation
    - ii. Criterion of embarrassment
    - iii. Criterion of dissimilarity
    - iv. Criterion of coherence
  - c. Bibliographical Evidence
4. Archeology
  - a. First Temple (Solomon's Temple)
  - b. Second Temple
  - c. Walls of Jericho
  - d. Tel Dan Stele
  - e. Many Israelite cities exactly where and how the Bible described them
5. The Resurrection of Jesus
  - a. Jesus died via Roman crucifixion
  - b. The empty tomb
  - c. Roman seal and guard at the tomb
  - d. The appearances to over 500 people
  - e. The disciples were convinced of a bodily resurrection, resulting in multiple conversions from doubters. They talked with, ate with, and touched Jesus.

Gospel Summary: perfection → sin → separation → Savior → surrender → reunion

