

Bite Size Apologetics

What is Apologetics?

*Apologetics is a
marathon, not a sprint.*

**It's not about the short-term
numbers. It's about long-
term disciples.**

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**What makes Christianity
Distinct from Other Religions?**





God Himself Pursues Man

- All other religions teach that man does the work – man pursues God.
- **Christianity Teaches:**
 - **Jesus is God; the 2nd person of the Triune God.**
 - **Jesus pursues us!**
 - **Jesus sacrificed everything (His very life) to purchase us!**
 - **We have nothing to sell/give – Jesus can't be bought.**
 - **Jesus did the work (not us) and He finished it!**

Relationship With God

- **All other religions teach that man cannot have a *relationship* with God.**
- **Christianity Teaches: Relationship is Christianity.**
 - **Man was created in the image of God and had perfect fellowship and relationship with God... but man sinned.**
 - **Through salvation through Jesus Christ, man is restored to a right *relationship* with God.**
 - **Christianity *establishes* a personal abiding *relationship* with the living God.**

The Resurrection of Jesus

- **No other religion teaches that God became flesh, died on a cross, and then was resurrected.**
- **Christianity Teaches:**
 - **Man sinned and the wages of that sin is a death penalty.**
 - **Jesus (who is God) became flesh and dwelt among us as fully God and fully man.**

The Resurrection of Jesus

- **Christianity Teaches:**

- **Jesus came to reconcile man to Himself, and He had to be sinless to do that – and He was.**
- **Jesus became sin for man, and was publicly crucified, died on a cross, **rose three days later** – defeating death.**
- **Jesus is the only Savior; **His death, burial, and resurrection** is the only way man can be justified and gain eternal life.**

One Source Of **Truth** Inspired by God

- **All religions have a basis for their beliefs.**
- **Non Christian religions rely on *non-biblical* or *extra-biblical* writings or teachings.**
- **Christianity has one single source of truth (Bible):**
 - **It is inspired by God Himself.**
 - **It is the living Word of God.**
 - **Scripture is God's revelation of Himself.**
 - **The Word of God testifies of Jesus. And the life and witness of Jesus Himself reveals truth.**

Who is Jesus?

- **Buddhism:**

- He was an enlightened man;
- He was a wise teacher and a holy man.

- **Hinduism:**

- He is *a* god; He was a holy man;
- He was a wise teacher;
- but He did not die for sins of world.

Who is Jesus?

- **Islam:**

- **He was born of a virgin; He was highly regarded; but he was only a man – not the Son of God;**
- **He was a prophet and a wise teacher; He performed miracles;**
- **He ascended to heaven, but He did not die for sins of world;**
- **He did not pre-exist, and He was not resurrected. But He will come again...**

Who is Jesus?

- **Judaism:**
 - **He was Mary's Son; a teacher; was respected; was a miracle worker;**
 - **He *claimed* He was the Messiah;**
 - **He was crucified on a cross; and it was *claimed* that He rose from the grave;**
 - **But He did not die for sins of world and He did not rise from the grave.**

Who is Jesus?

- **Christianity:**

- **Jesus is God in the flesh** (1 Tim 3:16; John 1:14)
- **Jesus is the Son of God** (John 3:16)
- **Jesus is the second person of the Triune God** (Matt 28:19)
- **Jesus is the Savior** (John 3:16; Luke 2:11, Acts 4:12; Romans 10:9-13)
- **Jesus is the **ONLY** way to be saved/eternal life** (John 14:6)
 - **Other religions say work is required.**
 - **Christianity says the work is finished by Jesus!**