

“Why Believe?”

Hebrews 11:1-2, 6

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Introduction:

- A. Today I would like us to talk about _____ in _____.
- B. Question: Can _____ people believe the things that are crucial to the _____ faith?
- C. Let’s begin by talking about something that happened to a man named _____ (Jn. 20:24-29).
 - 1. Many people know him as “_____” Thomas.
- D. His demand for proof is to be _____ rather than _____.
- E. Far too many people believe too _____ on the basis of too _____.

I. The _____ as Evidence

- A. There are proofs for God’s existence that we might call God’s _____ (Rom. 1:18-20).
- B. The Argument from _____ (Cosmological).
 - 1. Analogy: Suppose you were walking in the _____ when you happen on a _____.
 - 2. We should look for clues that might offer a reasonable account of who _____ it, _____ it was made, and what the maker is _____ (Heb. 3:4).
- C. The Argument from _____ (Teleological).
 - 1. Analogy: Suppose I show you a _____.
 - 2. The complexity in design of anything points to the intelligence and power of the _____ (Ps 19:1,3; Col 1:16)

II. The _____ as Evidence

- A. All People who have lived in the generations after _____ have had to depend on the _____ to lead them to faith.
- B. The French non-believer, _____, said that in 100 years the Bible would be a _____ book.
- C. The Bible is an absolutely reliable source of information about the most important _____ and _____ in human history - _____ and the salvation that comes through him alone.

Conclusion:

- A. One final piece of evidence that there is a God - _____.
- B. The story of an obscure village called _____ in Okinawa.

Answer Key: Intro. A. believing, God. B. reasonable, Christian. C. Thomas. C.1. doubting. D. admired, ridiculed. E. much, little. I. Creation. I.A. fingerprints. I.B. Existence. I.B.1. forest, campsite. I.B.2. made, why, like. I.C. Design. I.C.1. car. I.C.2. designer. II. Bible. II.A. Jesus, Scriptures. II.B. Voltaire, forgotten. II.C. person, issue, Jesus, Christ. Concl.A. changed, lives. B. Shimabuke