

Apologetic Presentations by Bruce Hennigan, M.D.

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FOR CHRISTMAS:

Christmas Regained by Mark Riser

a special presentation by apologist, Mark Riser. Is there a “war” on Christmas? How did our culture get here? What can Christians do to handle the hostility toward Jesus being the Reasons for the Season?

The Truth About the Nativity by Bruce Hennigan

Is Christmas based on more than just a story? What is the evidence that the events recorded in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke really took place? You will never look at the story of the birth of Christ the same way again!

FOR EASTER:

CSI Golgotha by Bruce Hennigan

A forensic analysis of the events that led to the “death” of Jesus of Nazareth.

Evidence for the Resurrection by Mark Riser

Now that we know for sure that Jesus of Nazareth did not “swoon” on the cross and truly died, what is the evidence that Christ rose from the dead?

Presentations on General Revelation (Science):

God, the Universe, and Everything

Audience: Anyone

Content: Using just the first two verses of the Bible, this presentation shows how five amazing discoveries of the 20th century show how the universe is not here by chance but by the power of an Intelligent Designer that can only be the God of the Bible.

Length: 60 minutes

Why I Believe Series:

Why I Believe: GOD

God E.X.I.S.T.S. Using an easily remembered acronym, this presentation covers evidence for the existence of God.

Why I Believe: JESUS

An overview of the scriptural and extra-Biblical evidence for the existence of Jesus of Nazareth and the truthfulness of His claims.

Why I Believe: THE BIBLE

An overview of evidence for the accuracy of the Bible.

Why I Believe: TRUTH

An overview of relativism and post modernism and our culture's current climate of "lies". Truth is objective and can be known.

Evolution or Faith: You Gotta Serve Somebody!

For college students an overview of the conflict between faith and naturalism, the philosophy of evolution.

QNA Series

A series of Questions and Answers pointing out our tendency to ask questions. It is in our "spiritual DNA" to ask "why" – thus our QNA.

QNA #1: In light of the bestselling books by the "new atheists" such as "The God Delusion" or "God is NOT Great" the prevailing thought is that if you believe in God you are delusional. Or, as Stephen Hawking would say, you're believing in a "fairy tale". What kind of rational, reasonable proof do we have that the God of the Bible exists?

QNA #2: Doesn't science disprove the Bible? Can faith and science co-exist?

QNA #3: Is there absolute truth?

QNA #4: How can I believe in an ancient book that has changed so much over the centuries and is filled with so many glaring errors?

QNA #5: If God is great and God is good, then why do bad things happen?

QNA #6: Millions and millions; possibly billions of innocent people have been killed over the past two thousand years in the name of Christianity. Why should I become a Christian and join the ranks of those who perpetrate these atrocities?

Presentations on Special Revelation (The Bible and Jesus)

CSI: Golgotha

Audience: Anyone

Content: An in depth, forensic analysis of the last hours of the life of Jesus of Nazareth. Modern skeptics claim Jesus could not have died on the cross but the evidence says otherwise. (This is often placed with a talk on evidence for the resurrection.)

Length: 30 - 45 minutes

Our Darkness, His Light!

Audience: Anyone

Content: Bruce's personal story of how he got involved in apologetics through doubt, questions, and crises. Included in this content is his experience with depression. God can use our darkest moments to show the world his brightest light!

Length: 60 minutes

Thanks for the Memories!

Audience: Anyone

Content: An overview of the transmission of the original accounts of the disciples that became the Gospels with emphasis on oral tradition and manuscript transmission.

Length: 45 minutes

Evidence for the Nativity

Audiences: Anyone

Content: Were the events of the first Christmas real? What evidence do we have for the birth of Christ? A review of the historical accuracy of the Nativity.

Length: 60 minutes

Presentation on Apologetics, Philosophy, etc.

The Heart of the Apologist

Audience: Apologists

Content: This is a five point discussion of the necessity and need for the apologist to engage their audience not only on a cognitive level, but to connect with the heart; the emotions; the soul of the audience. Discussion includes a review of Blaise Pascal's writings, C. S. Lewis' writings, the psychology of unbelief, and finally, a review of the ways in which apologetic material can be presented to touch the heart as well as the mind.

Length: 45 - 60 minutes

Think Again!

Audiences: Anyone

Content: An overview of the meaning of the word “apologetics” and why every Christian should learn this discipline.

Length: 30 - 45 minutes

A Deer Caught in the Headlights! (How to Handle Tough Live Questions)

Audience: Apologists

Content: Have you ever felt like you were a deer caught in the headlights when confronted with a tough question in a live setting? Three tactics will help you avoid this outcome.

Length: 30 minutes

Communicate With Clarity

The importance of communication as an apologist and an overview of the SCORRE method.