

Broad Outline of Christian Evidence

1. [Arguments for God](#)
 - a. [Cosmological](#)
 - b. [Teleological](#)
 - c. [Moral](#)
 - d. [Ontological](#)
 - e. Historical
2. Prophecy
 - a. [45 prophecies of Jesus](#) written hundreds of years prior
 - b. List of 361 prophecies of Jesus
 - c. Hundreds of fulfilled prophecies in Old Testament
3. [Historicity of Jesus](#) (Outside the New Testament)
 - a. Jesus was condemned to the cross under Pontius Pilate - Josephus, Jewish Historian [Antiquities 18, chapter 3](#)
 - b. Tacitus, Roman Historian [Annals 15.44](#)
 - c. Lucian of Samsota, Greek Satirist, [The Works of Lucian, Vol. IV "The Death of Peregrin"](#) (scroll down to 11)
 - d. Mara Bar-Serapion, Syrian prisoner, [A Letter of Mara, Son of Serapion \(scroll down to just after footnote 19\)](#)
 - e. The Jewish Talmud, Jewish oral tradition and commentary on the Law
 - f. Pliny the Younger, Greek critic of Christianity
 - g. Celsus, Greek critic of Christianity
4. [The Resurrection of Jesus](#) (also see [this lecture](#))
 - 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.
5. Historical Reliability of the New Testament
 - a. External evidence
 - i. See historicity of Jesus, archeology, and resurrection of Jesus
 - ii. Corroborated by descriptions of Roman cities, geography, politics, Jewish Palestinian milieu, etc.
 - b. Internal Evidence
 - i. Criterion of multiple attestation
 - ii. Criterion of embarrassment
 - iii. Criterion of dissimilarity
 - iv. Criterion of coherence
 - c. [Bibliographical Evidence](#)
 - d. References by historical and NT scholars
 - i. Craig Blomberg [Lecture](#) and [Book](#)
 - ii. F. F. Bruce [The New Testament Documents: Are They Reliable?](#)
 - iii. Gary Habermas [Why I Believe the NT is Historically Reliable](#)
6. 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