

REVIEW

Fideism	Apologetics	Presupposition
	Worldview	Naturalism

- _____ - The conviction that "...religious belief systems are not subject to rational evaluation." (Peter Holms)
- _____ - "The conceptual lense through which we see, understand and interpret the world and our place within it." (Tawa J. Anderson)
- _____ - "...the view that the [material] universe alone exists." (Moreland and Craig)
- _____ - The defense of the Christian faith by means of persuasive reasoning that reveals the coherence and dependability of what we believe, all for the sake of spreading the Gospel.
- _____ - The history, background, tradition and values we bring to the "table" of truth

Kalam Cosmological Argument

- First, everything that _____ to exist has a _____.
- Second, the universe _____ to _____.
- Third, therefore the universe has a _____.

Was There a King?

- The Argument of the Skeptics
 - _____ of History
 - Jesus was a historical figure, but he was not divine, nor was he the figure we read about in Scripture
 - _____ of Faith
 - The argument is that the early adherents of the Christian faith *composed* a mythological figure based on Jesus and *constructed* a narrative around his life that would create a solid conceptual foundation upon which the new cult could stand

Dispelling the "Christ of Faith"

- There are three arguments we can present to defeat this idea:
 - First, the Gospels are not shy when it comes to presenting some _____ stories.
 - Matt. 16:16-23; Mark 6:4-5

- Second, the Gospels don't hold back when it comes to _____ sayings.
 - Luke 14:26; Matt. 19:24
- Third, the Gospels have what Mounce calls "_____ Sayings"
 - It would be nice if the Gospels had some saying to help clear up some difficult topics.
 - Acts 15
- The Apostles had a rigorous devotion to record because they had a rigorous devotion to the _____ they were recording.

Did Jesus Exist?

- **GROUP WORK:** What do these resources tell us about Jesus and His work? [feel free to markup handouts]
- *Conclusions of Historical Survey:*
 - First, Jesus was _____, died, and was buried.
 - Second, Jesus performed wonderful and _____ works.
 - Third, Jesus was believed to have been seen _____ from the _____ by his followers, who now worship him as a god.
 - Fourth, Jesus' half-brother James, who is skeptical of Jesus' nature and mission prior to his death, converts on the basis of a _____ appearance and emerges as a key leader of the early church
 - Fifth, the disciples endure some sort of _____ transformation based on their professed resurrection appearances.
- **Point:** "Given the abundance of non-biblical information on Jesus, it almost seems to be willful _____ to deny his actual existence." – William D. Mounce

Was Jesus Who He Said He Was?

- Did Jesus _____ from the grave?
 - If Jesus did rise from the grave, then we need an explanation for how this was possible. The most plausible answer to that question is that what Jesus proclaimed about God and about himself was actually true.
 - Issues that need Solutions:
 - First, why does Saul, a man fully opposed to the Christian message become a Christian?
 - Second, Jesus was buried in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea and the body of Christ was no longer in the tomb after 3 days
 - Third, a group of _____ were indicated as those who first discovered the empty tomb.
 - Fourth, the disciples claimed that they saw Jesus after his _____.
 - Fifth, the church grew at an _____ rate.