

Apologetics

The New Testament: Truth Or Lie?

Introduction

A. Previously on Sunday Nights:

1. Reasons to believe
2. The Historical Jesus

B. Tonight:

1. What do we do with The New Testament?
2. What about the miracles of Jesus
3. What about His resurrection from the dead?
 - a. Archaeology cannot confirm or deny the truthfulness of such things
 - b. Each of us must decide whether the New Testament at this point is telling the TRUTH, or that a LIE was carefully orchestrated by the eight writers of the New Testament!

1. Why There Are Only Two Alternatives!

A. The N.T. Writers leave us no other Alternative:

1. [1 Corinthians 15:14-15](#) Paul said either Jesus rose from the dead, or he and other "eyewitnesses" are in fact "false witnesses"
2. [2 Peter 1:16-18](#) Peter, also, said either the events (like the transfiguration) occurred as described by the "eyewitnesses", or they are "cunningly devised fables"!

B. They were NOT sincerely Mistaken or Deceived!

1. Especially in reference to the resurrection of Jesus
 - a. [Acts 10:39-41](#)—They ate and drank with Him afterwards
 - b. [1 John 1:1-4](#)—They saw Him and touched Him
2. There is NO ROOM to say they were MISTAKEN or DECEIVED!
3. [1 Corinthians 15:4-8](#), there were just too many witnesses

2. What If The New Testament Is A Lie?

A. The New Testament is a carefully Orchestrated LIE!

1. [Luke 2:1-5](#)—They used specific details to describe events, places, and people, which are confirmed by archaeology.
2. There are at least SEVEN different writers of the New Testament who agreed to the same lies!
3. It is not reasonable to believe they did when ...

B. These Authors Suffered Extreme Hardship For Their Lies!

1. Many people will lie if they can get something out of it (money, power)
2. What did the apostles get out of it? [1 Corinthians 4:9-13](#)
3. What did Paul get for his testimony? [2 Corinthians 11:24-29](#)

C. These Authors DIED For Their Lies!

1. History and tradition record that:
 - a. JAMES was stoned to death
 - b. PAUL was beheaded
 - c. PETER was crucified
2. If the New Testament is a lie, they died KNOWING the lie!

D. They and the one they proclaimed taught against lying!

1. [Matthew 5:37](#)—"But let your 'yes' be 'yes', and your 'no' be 'no'."
2. [Ephesians 4:25](#)—"put away lying, each one speak truth"
3. [1 Peter 2:1](#)—"Therefore, laying aside all malice, all guile, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking"

E. In Fact, liars, frauds and deceivers composed the book with the world's highest standards and loftiest goals!

1. What book presents a higher standard of love and morality than the New Testament?
2. [Matthew 5-7](#): Jesus' "Sermon On The Mount"
3. [1 Corinthians 13:1-8](#) Paul's "Discourse On Love"

CONCLUSION

A. That is what you must believe, if you believe the N.T. is false!

B. If you believe it to be true, what hinders you from taking Action?

1. If you believe Jesus Christ is the Son of the Living God, why would you want to wait any longer? Let Him also be your Lord and Savior!
2. Repent and be baptized in His name and your sins will be removed!