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WORKBOOK

DAY ONE

ABOUT JESUS

I hope that you occasionally take time to seriously consider where you will spend all of eternity. But even if you do take your spiritual life seriously, the question still arises: with so many religions to choose from in the world, how can we know that Christianity is the “right” one? Of the eleven living religions in the world today, Christianity is the only one that deals with man’s sin. And of all historical figures, only one man claims to actually be God: that is Jesus Christ.

1. What does Titus 2:13 call Jesus?

2. Who does Peter say Jesus is in Matthew 16:16?

3. What does Jesus say about Himself in John 14:6-10?

4. What does John the Baptist declare about Jesus in John 1:29?

5. What did Jesus say in John 10:30?

6. What does Acts 4:12 tell us about Jesus?

The Bible is God’s special revelation to us about Himself, about Jesus, and about the Holy Spirit. If you’ve ever wondered, “How reliable is the Bible?” that’s a valid question.

1. Did the resurrection really happen? This is the most attested fact in history. In fact, so many witnesses affirmed it that we simply cannot ignore its veracity. Many have tried to disprove the resurrection—but no one has ever succeeded.
2. Most (if not all) of the New Testament was written within 50 to 100 years after the death and resurrection of Christ. A great deal of archeology affirms the accuracy of this written record.

Your assignment is to find and read Josh McDowell’s two books, *More Than a Carpenter* and *The Resurrection Factor*. You can find both easily online or at your local Christian bookstore.

DAY TWO

COMPARING RELIGIONS

Religions are noted for four major factors:

1. A great leader.
2. A great book.
3. A great following.
4. Great claims.

Besides the bona fide, broadly recognized world religions, several cult organizations also follow this same pattern. The so-called “Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints” (Mormonism) and Jehovah’s Witnesses are two such examples. However, the fastest-growing religion in recent years is Islam. If you’re trying to determine which of these might be “right,” be sure you consider the following factors:

1. Does the leader claim to be God?
 - Only Jesus Christ ever claimed to actually be God.
2. Did the leader deal with man’s basic problem, sin?
 - Of the eleven living religions, only Christianity offers a solution for man’s sin.
3. Did any prophecies foretell the leader’s coming?
 - Only the prophecies of God’s Word, the Bible, have stood the test of time.
4. Did the leader ever make claims about his deity that could either be proven true or prove him to be a liar?
 - Jesus left no doubt about His claim of being God. He is either who He claimed to be or He is a liar.
5. Did the leader live an exemplary life—that is, a life without fault or sin?
 - Of all of the religious leaders of history, only Jesus led a sinless life.

Every religion, every cult, has its own book, its bible, so to speak. The question is, how does the Christian Bible stand up to these other writings?

1. The Christian Bible consists of 39 books comprising the Old Testament and 27 books comprising the New Testament—66 books in all. The Old Testament authors, writing hundreds of years apart, wrote consistently of the coming Messiah and foretold many events that were later fulfilled by Jesus.
2. Can the books stand up to scrutiny from generations of trained specialists as to their authenticity and correctness? Only the Christian Bible can, and not only has it survived many harsh critics, but today it stands head and heels above any other religious book.
3. In John 17:17, Jesus said that God's words were truth. Either the Bible is the Word of God, or it is a false and fraudulent book; there is no middle ground. Jesus stated that heaven and earth will pass away, but that His words will endure forever (Matthew 24:35, Luke 21:33, Mark 13:31).

DAY THREE

LIVING PROOF

The ultimate proof of any religion is what it produces. True Christianity produces men and women who reflect the character and holiness of God through Jesus Christ. He came to conquer the world through love. Although certainly it is true there at times Christians act no better than heathens, that does not change the basic teachings of Christ. God's love in Christ shines throughout Scripture.

Your assignment is to write out your own testimony. Follow these three simple steps:

1. Before: Describe what your life was like before you became a follower of Christ.
2. During: Tell the story of your conversion. What happened that made you choose to become a follower of Christ?
3. After: What has your life been like since you became a follower of Christ?

Learn your testimony well, for it will be the best and most basic witnessing tool you possess.

DAY FOUR

THE GREAT ADVENTURE

The Christian life has been called a great and grand adventure, but there are those who struggle constantly in their walk with Christ. That should not be the case. If we follow God's plan and accept His promises as our own, life will be a great adventure!

1. What did Jesus say in John 10:10b?

(Interestingly, the Greek word translated as "life" here is not the typical bios, but zoe, meaning "life as God has it.")

2. What promise does Jesus make in Matthew 11:28-30?

3. In John 7:37-39, what does Jesus say will happen to those who come to Him?

4. What does Luke 11:13 say the Father gives?

5. What does Romans 5:5 say the Holy Spirit will do in us?

6. What does Jesus promise in Acts 1:8?

7. What does Jesus promise we will receive in John 15:11?

8. What does Romans 15:13 call God?

9. What promises does this same verse make?

10. What does Romans 15:7 say Jesus did for us?

11. What things does Galatians 5:22-23 say will be exhibited in our lives once we have the Holy Spirit within us?

DAY FIVE

GREAT WORDS

The Bible contains great truths that have been spelled out as doctrine. I have listed five words for you below that contain some of the great doctrines of the Bible. Each word has a short definition, but your assignment is to read the verses assigned to each word, meditate on what they mean in your life, and then write your own comments.

1. Propitiation - to turn away wrath by the satisfaction of violated justice (Romans 3:25-26).

2. Redemption - the work of Jesus Christ on our behalf to (1) cancel out the debt of sin and (2) release us from the slavery of sin (Colossians 2:13-14).

3. Regeneration - the process of becoming a new creation in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17).

4. Reconciliation – the act of God in reconciling the world unto Himself (2 Corinthians 5:18–20).

5. Justification – God’s act of justifying guilty sinners as guiltless by faith (Romans 5:1).
