

Personal Discipleship



Week 4
Apologetic Reasoning

Syllabus

9 Weeks

1. Introduction to Personal Discipleship
2. Keeping It Real
3. Current Challenges to Christianity
4. **Apologetic Reasoning**
5. Does God Exist?
6. Can We Trust the Bible?
7. Textual Criticism
8. Biblical Inerrancy
9. The Trial of Jesus (Palm Sunday)



What Is Apologetics?

Bobby Conway hosts The
One Minute Apologist

OneMinuteApologetist.com

Apologetics is about
removing obstacles to the
Christian faith (not winning
arguments).

Listen to this interview for
insights.



Apologetics Ethic

The proof text for Apologetics is 1 Peter 3:15...

“But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

(NIV84)

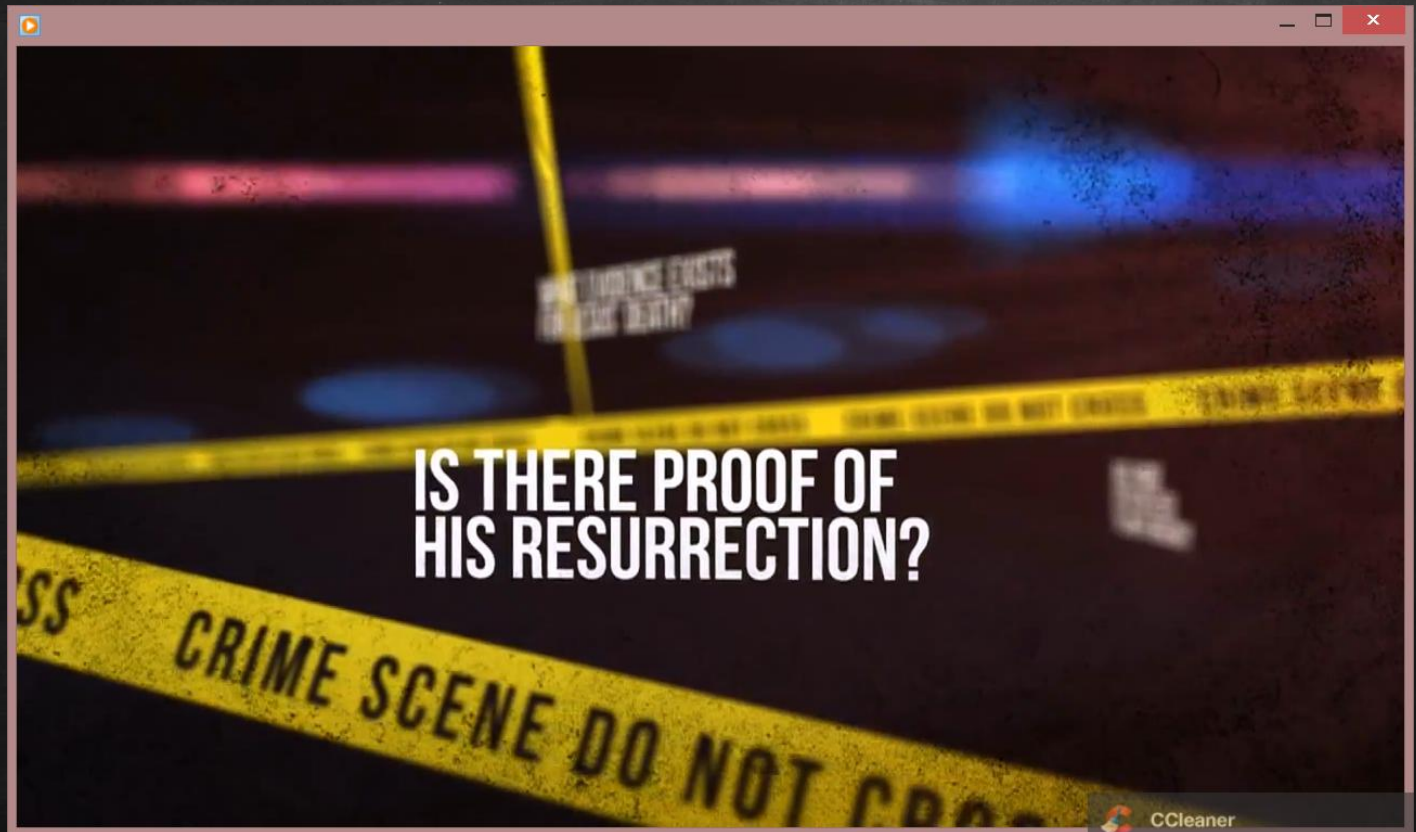


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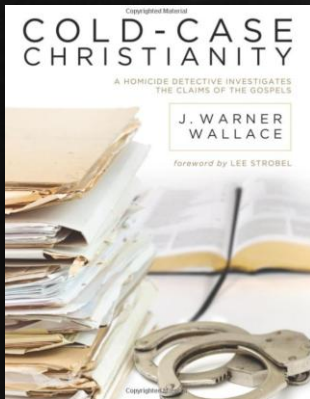
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Discussion

- * Does this video make a good case for the Resurrection?
- * How does the correspondence theory of truth come into play?
- * Why don't more people accept this kind of apologetic teaching?
- * What are some barriers to apologetics?
- * How important is "gentleness and respect"?
- * How can we study apologetics (really)?



Who are Christianity's most influential proponents today?

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Stephen Colbert's Approach to Skepticism

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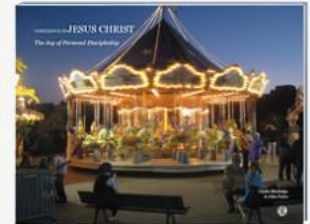
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Stephen Colbert (Photo Credit: Todd Heisler/The New York Times)

In 1974, when Colbert was 10, his father, a doctor, and his brothers Peter and Paul, the two closest to him in age, died in a plane crash while flying to a prep school in New England. "There's a common explanation that profound sadness leads to someone's becoming a comedian, but I'm not sure that's a proven equation in my case," he told me. "I'm not bitter about what happened to me as a child, and my mother was instrumental in keeping me from being so." He added, in a tone so humble and sincere that his character would never have used it: "She taught me to be grateful for my life regardless of what that entailed, and that's directly related to the image of Christ on the cross and the example of sacrifice that he

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Who are Christianity's most influential proponents today?

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Here's a list of some of today's most influential proponents of the Christian faith.

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Sharing the Joy of Personal Discipleship

Veracity's Top 10 Scorers, 2015 Edition

February 21, 2015

By John Paine



It's time again for that most prized of all personal discipleship honors, *Veracity's Top 10 Scorer Awards*. (I know, I know...I can hardly stand the excitement either!)

There are lots of great resources for personal discipleship on the web and in bookstores, but these are the sources Clarke and I cite most frequently, and for good reason. They are the players who consistently "put the puck in the net." No skating around the issues—just on-target discipleship. We listen to their podcasts, read their books, watch their debates, and benefit greatly from their teaching and personal examples. We don't agree with everything each of them says or believes, and they wouldn't want us to. But we are blessed by having studied them. They are, in our opinion, among the most influential proponents of the Christian faith today.

Upcoming Volunteer Questions

3/1 What are some good arguments for the existence of God?

3/8 In your own words, how did we get the Bible?

3/15 What is textual criticism and why is it important?

3/22 What is biblical inerrancy and why is it controversial?

3/29 Group Discussion:

How would you answer if someone asked,
"What is personal discipleship and why does
it matter?"



For Next Week



Volunteer Question:

What are some good arguments for the existence of God?

(Looking for classical arguments, not personal arguments)



Upcoming Events...

National Conference on Christian Apologetics

Oct. 16-17, 2015 Charlotte, NC

Evangelical Theological Society 67th Annual Meeting

Nov. 17-19, 2015 Atlanta, GA

