#10. Do you believe the Scriptures are true?

- **Yes, I believe the Scriptures are true**.
- **Not sure**
- **No**

Consider 2 Timothy 3:16-17: All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Logical Arguments for "The Reliability of Biblical Manuscripts" from the CS Lewis Institute.

- Ancient non-Christian sources also mention the people, places, and events found in the New Testament. This outside evidence supports the main claims about Jesus and the early Christian movement.
- While some people may disagree, there is strong manuscript evidence and careful copying that show the Bible was passed down accurately. Most differences are minor and have been well documented.
- Many people are skeptical about miracles and supernatural events in the Gospels. The disciples showed their sincerity by being honest about themselves, accepting suffering, and even facing death. This makes it unlikely they were trying to mislead anyone in the New Testament.

Also, check out:

- **Three Pieces of Evidence that Corroborate the Gospels pieces of evidence**
- Six Times the Bible Gives Evidence of Its Authenticity
- Why the Bible is Reliable with Tim Keller (Read more in Keller's The Reason for God)

#9. Do you believe Jesus told the truth?

o **Yes, I believe Jesus told the truth**.

o **Not sure**

o **No**

Consider John 14:6: Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

Jesus claims to speak from God's authority:

- **Matthew 28:18**: And Jesus came and said to them, **'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."**
- **John 14:10:** Jesus said, "Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you **I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works."**
- **John 18:37:** Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born, and for this purpose **I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice."**

Historical References for Jesus from Top Ten Historical References to Jesus Outside of the Bible.

- **Ignatius of Antioch** wrote a letter to the Smyrnaeans (ca. AD 110) in which he claims that Jesus was crucified under Pontius Pilate and Herod the tetrarch and that "he suffered all these things for us; and He suffered them really, and not in appearance only, even as also He truly rose again"
- **Papius (ca. AD 5-110**) wrote that he learned Jesus' teachings from those who had heard him in person.
- **Phlegon (ca. AD 140)** reported that Jesus had knowledge of future events and testified that the result corresponded to his predictions.
- **Thallus (ca. AD 55),** one of the earliest non-Christian writers to refer to Jesus, reported the supernatural darkness that accompanied the crucifixion of Jesus.
- **Pliny the Younger (ca. AD 122)** confirmed, in a letter to Trajan, not only that Christ was a real, historical figure, but also that Christians at that time believed in the divinity of Jesus and were meeting weekly to worship him.
- **Josephus (ca. AD 93)** wrote, "And in this time, there was a certain Jesus, a wise man, if indeed one ought to call him a man, for he was a doer of incredible deeds, a teacher of men who receive truisms with pleasure. And he brought over many from among the Jews and many from among the Greeks. He was [thought to be] the Christ. And, when Pilate had condemned him to the cross at the accusation of the first men among us, those who at first were devoted to him did not cease to be so, for on the third day it seemed to them that he was alive again given that the divine prophets had spoken such things and thousands of other wonderful things about him. And up till now, the tribe of Christians, who were named from him, has not disappeared."

Also, check out:

- The Case for Christ by Lee Strobel
- Questioning Christianity – Why We Can Believe in Jesus with Tim Keller

#8. Do you believe Jesus "came to seek and to save that which was lost"?

- **Yes, I believe Jesus "came to seek and to save that which was lost."**
- **Not sure**
- **No**

Consider Luke 19:10: Jesus said, "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost."

God seeks those who are lost.

- **Matthew 18:12-14:** Jesus said, "What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish."
- **Ezekiel 34:11-12** "For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.
- **Isaiah 53:6** We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

God brings salvation through Jesus:

- **John 3:17: Jesus said,** "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.
- **1 Thessalonians 5:9:** For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- **Acts 4:10-12:** Let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among me by which we must be saved.

Also, check out:

- With the Powerful: The Real Jesus Tim Keller Sermon (Luke 19:1-10)
- What was Jesus' Mission from GotQuestions.com

#7. Does Jesus explain WHY he "came to seek and to save that which was lost"?

- **Yes, I believe Jesus "came to seek and to save that which was lost" because God loves them.**
- **Not sure**
- **No**

Consider John 3:16-17: Jesus says, "For God **so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,** that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

Scripture describes God's love for us:

- **Consider Romans 5:6-8**: For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— **but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**
- **Ephesians 2: 4-5**: But God, being rich in mercy, **because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—**by grace you have been saved**."**

God sent Jesus to save those he loves.

- **1 John 4:14-16:** And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him."
- **1 Timothy 2:3-6:** This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time.

Also, check out:

- The Gospel by BibleProject.com
- "Salvation" Tim Keller Sermon

#6. Does Jesus explain HOW he would save the lost?"

- **Yes, I believe Jesus came to save the lost by dying on the cross for the forgiveness of their sins.**
- **Not sure**
- **No**

Consider Mark 10:45: Jesus said, "For even the **Son of Man came** not to be served but to serve, and **to give his life as a ransom for many."**

Scripture explains that Jesus must die for our salvation:

- **Matthew 16:21**: From that time on **Jesus began to explain** to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that **he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life."**
- **John 10:14-15: Jesus said,** "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and **I lay down my life for the sheep."**
- **1 Peter 2:24: He [Jesus] himself bore our sins in his body on the cross**, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.
- **Romans 5:8:** But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, **Christ died for us."**
- **Romans 3:23-25**: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a **propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.** This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.
- **Hebrew 9:22** In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and **without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.**

Also, check out:

- **Animal Sacrifices in the Bible and the Connection to Jesus (Sacrifice and Atonement) from the BibleProject.com**
- **Why Did Jesus Have to Die? from GotQuestions.org**
- **"The Crucifixion" Tim Keller Sermon**

#5. Does Jesus explain WHAT he came to save the lost FOR?

- **Yes, I believe that Jesus came to save the lost so they would have eternal life with God.**
- **Not sure**
- **No**

Consider John 3:16-17: Jesus says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that **whoever believes in him should** not perish but **have eternal life.** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be **saved through him."**

Scripture describes what God is preparing us for:

- **John 3:36:** Jesus says, "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him."
- **John 14:1-4:** Jesus says, "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going."
- **Matthew 25: 31-36:** Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.
- **Revelation 21:1-4:** Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

Also, check out:
"Heaven" Tim Keller Sermon (Rev. 21: 21-22:5)
What are the new heavens and new earth? from GotQuestions.org

#4. Does Jesus explain WHAT he came to save the lost FROM?

- **Yes, I believe Jesus came to save the lost from spiritual death, the wrath of God.**
- **Not sure**
- **No**

Consider John 3:36: Jesus says, "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; **whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him."**

Scripture explains that disobedience and sin lead to spiritual death and separation from God.

- **John 8:34:** Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin."
- **1 John 3:4:** Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.
- **Ephesians 4:18:** They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.
- **Isaiah 59:2:** But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.

Scripture describes spiritual death and separation from God.

- **Matthew 13:47-50:** Jesus said, "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."
- **Mathew 25:31-33, 41-43:** Jesus says, When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left…"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me."
- **Mark 9:42-49** Jesus said, "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it

off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, 'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.

God desires our salvation through faith in Jesus Christ:

- **Romans 5:9:** Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.
- **1 Thessalonians 5: 9-10:** For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.
- **2 Peter 3:9:** The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

Also, check out:
Don't Miss the Point of God's Anger from the BibleProject.com
Wrath Is Not an Attribute of God by Jeremy Treat
"Hell" Tim Keller Sermon

#3. Did Jesus explain WHO the lost are?

- **Yes, I believe that the lost are separated from God because of their sin.**
- **Not sure**
- **No**

Consider Matthew 9:36: When he [Jesus] **saw the crowds**, he had compassion on them, because **they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd**.

Scripture discusses the seriousness of our sin.

- **John 8:34:** Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin."
- **Romans 3:23-24:** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus
- **Isaiah 53:6:** All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned-every one- to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
- **1 John 1:8-10**: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Also, check out:

- What is sin in the Bible? from BibleProject.com
- How does sin separate us from God from GotQuestions.org

#2. Do you believe that Jesus "came to seek and to save" you?

- **Yes, I believe that Jesus "came to seek and to save" me.**
- **Not sure**
- **No**

Consider Revelation 3:20: Jesus said, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me."

God invites us to repent and receive the free gift of salvation, the forgiveness of our sins, through Jesus Christ.

- **John 10:9:** Jesus says, "I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture."
- **John 10:11:** Jesus says, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."
- **1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
- **Romans 6: 21-23** "But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Also, check out:

- "Beholding the Glory of God" Tim Keller Sermon
- What is the plan of Salvation from GotQuestions.org

#1. Are you ready to say yes to Jesus?

- **Yes, I am ready to say yes to Jesus!**
- **Not sure**
- **No**

Consider Acts 2:38: And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

God invites you to repent and believe that Jesus is your Lord and Savior.

- **Mark 16:16:** Jesus said, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.”
- **2 Peter 3:9:** The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.
- **Romans 10:9:** because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Also, check out:

- Justified by Faith Tim Keller Sermon
- What is the Gospel from GotQuestions.org

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