

THE HISTORICAL RELIABILITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS
GUEST SPEAKER : GREG MONETTE

First Reading
Philippians 1:3-11

The Gospel
John 20:1-18

*Free Bibles available on
stage near Besserer door.



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Actual Offering: \$227,098

Target Offering: \$246,177

Dear friends,

Our memory verse for today says, "... but in your heart honour Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect..." (1 Peter 3:15). Books that help you "make a defense" and give "a reason" for the hope that is in you are considered to be works of Christians Apologetics. What are some good books that will help you do this? Read on!

Two of Tim Keller's many books are very helpful in apologetics. *The Reason for God* is the best book I am aware of that defends and explains the Christian faith in the context of our post-modern, post-Christendom, urban world. All of Tim Keller's books have an apologetic aspect, but one other of his books deserves special mention - *Walking with God through Pain and Suffering*. This book is superb at discussing the problem of pain and suffering in terms of the intellectual and experiential challenges.

C.S. Lewis wrote from the late 30's to the early 60's, but his books are still powerful and relevant. All of his books are worth reading, but I will note two at this time. The first is *Mere Christianity* and the second is *The Problem of Pain*.

The Christian faith not only can be defended by reason, but also by evidence. Two books are worth mentioning in this regard. The first is by Lee Strobel, *The Case for Christ*. This book recreates his journey (as an atheist) to disprove the Christian faith after his wife had become a Christian. His journey to disprove Christianity led to him becoming a Christian. One great aspect of the book is that at the end of most chapters he provides a great list of books for further reading. Also of note is Josh McDonald's *New Evidence that Demands a Verdict*. This book is a great resource for defending the eye-witness, historically reliable nature of the New Testament.

One final suggestion. Kreeft and Tacelli's book, *A Handbook of Christian Apologetics* is concise, exhaustive and, at times, quite witty! They cover the whole range of apologetics issues, including traditional arguments for the existence of God.

Please pray that we will bear witness to Jesus with gentleness and respect!

George +

I need to develop godly attitudes.

- A) Pray for godly attitudes in general & certain attitudes in particular.
- B) Ask others to pray the same thing for you.
- C) Repeat the attitude to help it sink in. Do this in conjunction with A & B!

Attitudes.

- 1) The Christian faith is not “true for me,” it is true.
- 2) All truth is God’s truth.
- 3) The truth is my friend.

I need to grow in prayer.

A great way to do this is to learn to pray the Bible. Pray this prayer until you can pray without reading.

Father in Heaven, I thank You that You desire my freedom. I thank You that You know truly and fully all that binds me. I praise You that Jesus is the Word made flesh. I praise You that the Bible is Your word written. Please help me to abide in Your word as I follow Jesus. Please help me to know the truth. Thank You that You will set me free as I follow Jesus, abiding in Your word. In Jesus Name. Amen.

I need to get God’s word in my mind and heart.

“...but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.” (1 Peter 3:15 ESV)

I need to do something or start to do something.

Complete the following sentence: “In light of God’s word, the Holy Spirit is leading me to _____.”

SN / NOV 16 Shoebox Drop-off Deadline
Bring your shoeboxes to the lobby today!

MN / NOV 17 Women’s Home Group
7:00pm @ 205 Bolton St.

TU / NOV 18 Messiah Prayer Meeting
7:00pm @ Messiah Office / 315 Lisgar St.

The House (Home Group)
7:00pm @ 148 Augusta St.

Lowertown Home Group
7:00pm @ 110 Nelson St.

Public Lecture : Ray Pennings
7:30pm @ 252 Metcalfe
“Why People are Scared of Christian Cultural Engagement (and shouldn’t be).” All are welcome to this public lecture hosted by the Laurentian Leadership Centre.

WD / NOV 19 Church on Wednesday
7:00pm @ uOttawa, Agora

The Wurtemberg Home Group
7:30pm @ 111 Wurtemberg St.

TR / NOV 20 Old Ottawa South Home Group
7:15pm @ 267 Sunnyside Ave.

SAT / NOV 29 ADVENT POTLUCK!
5:00pm @ St. Peter & St. Paul’s / 152 Metcalfe
Join us as we celebrate the beginning of the Advent Season as a church community!
Please bring something to share.

WED / DEC 3 Jericho Road Coffeehouse
7:00pm @ St. Paul’s Eastern United Church
Email info@messiahchurch.ca to get involved!
We are looking for people to make soup and sandwiches and/or volunteer on Wednesday.

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