

# BBS Study Weekends

## Christian Evidences



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### Overview

In an increasingly sceptic society, the student of Jesus must be prepared to give an answer for the hope that is in Christ. These studies will address various areas of evidence to support the Biblical story.

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### Contents of weekend studies

- Evidence for the existence of God will be examined, considering both traditional and contemporary arguments in common use.
- The historicity of Jesus of Nazareth will be explored, with a view to helping equip students with answers to questions and objections commonly posed.
- The integrity of the Biblical text will be considered in light of its development and ancient witnesses known to us today.
- The authenticity of historical narratives and reliability of predictive prophecy within Scripture will be examined.
- The concept and study of science will be considered along with its compatibility with the Biblical text.
- Evolutionary theories of origins will be explored, including our understanding of the place of fossils and dinosaurs.
- The Biblical accounts of Creation and the Flood will be explored with a view to understanding the texts in the context of Scripture as a whole.

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### Outline of areas to be covered

- I. Evidences for God, and for Jesus
- II. The authenticity and reliability of the Bible
- III. Science and the Scriptures
- IV. The message of the Bible
- V. Biblical creation accounts \*
- VI. Creation or 'Evolution'? \*
- VII. The Flood and its legacy \*

*\* These will be presented during the second weekend*

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### Learning outcomes

On completion of these sessions the student will:

- have an understanding of some reasons why many choose not to believe in God, or in the historicity of Jesus
- be familiar with principle lines of reasoning used in defence of the existence of God, and in the historicity of Jesus
- understand that our faith is not to be a blind faith, but one which is supported by plenty of valid evidence
- have better confidence in the integrity of Scripture, and a general understanding of the processes by which it has been transmitted
- appreciate the difference between popular and valid science, and understand the relationship of the latter with the Scriptures
- understand the basic principles of evolutionary theories, and how that the evidences better support the accounts of creation found in Scripture
- have a better understanding of the early Biblical narratives, and of how they fit within the context of the story of God
- be better prepared to give an answer to those who ask of our hope in Christ.

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## Weekend details

**Dates:** Saturdays and Sundays, 23<sup>rd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> August and 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025

**Location:** 1 Scholars Gate, Greenhills, East Kilbride, G75 9JL

**Teachers:** *Jon Galloway and Mark Hill*

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## Weekend programme – 23<sup>rd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025

### *Saturday:*

- 09.00 – Arrival
- 09.30 – Session 1 – Is there a God? [Jon]
- 10.30 – Break
- 10.50 – Session 2 – Is Jesus Real? [Mark]
- 11.50 – Break
- 12.00 – Session 3 – Can we trust the Biblical documents? [Jon]
- 13.15 – Lunch
- 13.45 – Session 4 – The Historical Accuracy of the Bible [Mark]
- 14.50 – Break
- 15.00 – Session 5 – Science in the Bible [Jon]
- 16.30 – Farewell

### *Sunday:*

- 09.50 – Arrival
- 10.05 – Session 6 – The opposition to faith [Jon]
- 10.50 – Break
- 11.00 – Communion and praise
- 11.45 – Session 7 – Jesus, the message of the Bible [Mark]

12.30 – Farewell

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## **Weekend programme – 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

### *Saturday:*

09.00 – Arrival  
09.30 – Session 1 – God created the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1-2) [Mark]  
10.30 – Break  
10.50 – Session 2 – Was Darwin wrong? part 1 [Jon]  
11.50 – Break  
12.00 – Session 3 – Was Darwin wrong? part 2 [Jon]  
13.15 – Lunch  
13.45 – Session 4 – The Flood (Genesis 6-8) [Mark]  
14.50 – Break  
15.00 – Session 5 – The Flood and Dinosaurs [Jon]  
16.30 – Farewell

### *Sunday:*

9.50 – Arrival  
10.05 – Session 6 – Babel and the Scattering (Genesis 10-11) [Mark]  
10.50 – Break  
11.00 – Session 7 – After the Flood [Jon]  
12.00 – Communion and praise  
12.30 – Farewell

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## **Cost**

We suggest a fee of £10 per student per weekend, just to help cover immediate costs. We are concerned that no-one is put off attending due to financial restraints so we will make available the opportunity to contribute as you are able. Refreshments will be provided, including lunch on Saturday.

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## **Additional studies ...**

These Study Weekends should provide a useful introduction and overview of the subject being considered. If you are interested in pursuing further guided studies in this area, please do let us know. We have additional assignments available and would be delighted to help guide you through them.

You may find a more complete Module syllabus on this event page on our website. These are, of course, optional but are required for those wishing to complete all Learning outcomes and attain Module credit towards a British Bible School award.