



BBS Study Weekends

Christian Evidences

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.

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*

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.

Weekend details

Dates: Saturdays and Sundays, 15th to 16th and 29th to 30th March 2025

Location: Christian Fellowship Centre, Shadowfax Drive, NN3 8DB

Teachers: *Jon Galloway and Mark Hill*

Weekend programme – 15th to 16th March 2025

Saturday:

- 09.00 – Arrival
- 09.30 – Session 1 – Is there a God? [Jon]
- 10.30 – Break
- 10.45 – Session 2 – Is Jesus Real? [Mark]
- 11.45 – Break
- 12.00 – Session 3 – Can we trust the Biblical documents? [Jon]
- 13.00 – Lunch
- 13.45 – Session 4 – History and Prophecy of the Bible [Mark]
- 14.45 – Break
- 15.00 – Session 5 – The scientific accuracy of the Bible [Jon]
- 16.15 – Farewell

Sunday:

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

13.00 – Conclusion

13.15 – Farewell

Weekend programme – 29th to 30th March 2025

Saturday:

09.00 – Arrival

09.30 – Session 1 – In the beginning – Genesis [Mark]

10.30 – Break

10.45 – Session 2 – Natural selection and design [Jon]

11.45 – Break

12.00 – Session 3 – The ascent of man [Jon]

13.00 – Lunch

13.45 – Session 4 – Noah and the Flood [Mark]

14.45 – Break

15.00 – Session 5 – Fossils and dinosaurs [Jon]

16.15 – Farewell

Sunday:

10.15 – Arrival

10.30 – Communion and praise

11.00 – Session 6 – The generations of Noah [Mark]

11.45 – Break

12.15 – Session 7 – The post-diluvian world [Jon]

13.00 – Conclusion

13.15 – Farewell

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.

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.