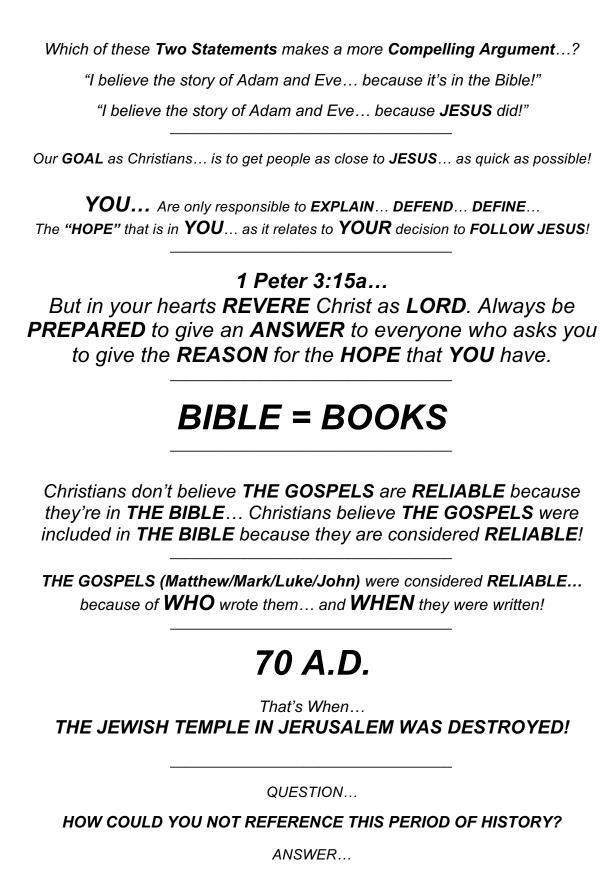
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(2) Reliable Witness

DEFENDING your FAITH without LOSING your MIND !
WHAT TO SAY when there's LITTLE TIME and LITTLE INTEREST!
1 Peter 3:15a
But in your hearts REVERE 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.
WHY HAVE YOU CHOSEN TO FOLLOW JESUS?
I believe that Jesus died for $m{MY}$ sin and rose from the dead!
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But I don't believe that because the BIBLE says so IT'S BETTER THAN THAT
The Bible
The INFALLIBLE but seemingly INDEFENSIBLE foundation of our faith!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DEFEND THE BIBLE!
The Foundation of our Faith IS NOT The Bible!
Christians take the Old Testament seriously because JESUS took it seriously!
Matthew 5:17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to FULFILL them.



IT HADN'T HAPPENED YET!

THE GOSPELS (Matthew/Mark/Luke/John) were considered RELIABLE... because of WHO wrote them... and WHEN they were written!

Furthermore Meaning...

WHO wrote them... and WHEN they wrote them...

Only gives it AUTHENTICITY and CREDIBILITY!

Here's how to BE PREPARED with the BIBLE Questions...

"I take the **OT** seriously... not because I can explain it all... not because it all makes sense to me... I take it seriously because **JESUS** did! And I take **JESUS** seriously because of **WHO** wrote about Him... And **WHEN** they wrote it!"

SUMMARY STATEMENT...

"I believe that Jesus died for MY sin and rose from the dead! And I don't believe it because The Bible says so... IT'S BETTER THAN THAT! I believe it because Matthew... Mark... Luke... John... Peter... James and Paul said so! And that's why MY HOPE... is in JESUS! That's why I have Chosen... to Follow Jesus!?

"I love the **BIBLE**... and I love the **SCRIPTURES**... (Buuuuut...) It's not my **FOUNDATION**... (It's Better Than That...) **A SINGLE EVENT IN HISTORY IS MY FOUNDATION IN CHRISTIANITY... THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST... IS MY FOUNDATION! THAT'S... WHY... I... HAVE... HOPE!"**