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There are multiple sources:
Greek, Roman, Jewish, & Christian
Adequate archaeological evidence.

There are conversions of:
Skeptics & relatives, 500 eyewitnesses
Their chief witness: women.

He died & His tomb was empty.

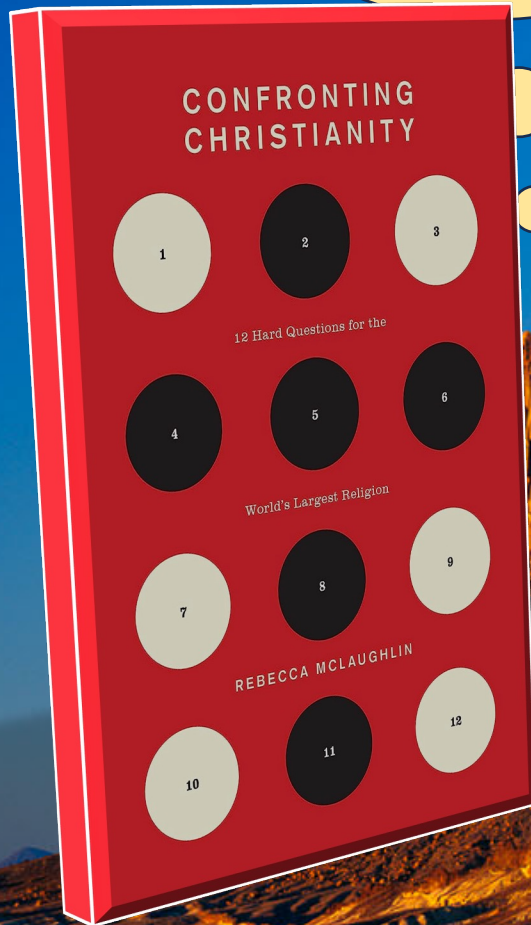
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Will Christianity
Make Me Happy?

Is it mean to say Jesus
is the ONLY way?

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How does God
view time?



Christians Can Ask

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Every Kid Should Ask

(and Answer)



about Christianity



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What About Hell?

“There is no doctrine which I would more willingly remove from Christianity than this, if it lay in my power. But it has the full support of Scripture and, specially, of our Lord’s own words; it has always been held by Christendom.”

C. S. Lewis The Problem of Pain

What About Hell?

A) What Did Jesus Teach About Hell?

- 1) Jesus warned of the “furnace of fire” Mt 13:42, the “eternal fire” Mt 18:8, the “unquenchable fire” Mk 9:43, & the “fiery Hell” Mt 5:22. He likened the fire to Gehenna, where “their worm does not die, & the fire is not quenched” Mk 9:48.
- 2) Jesus gave CLEAR expectations: [Matt 24:45-51; 25:26-30].
We can DO His will. *Believe & obey* Jn 3:36; *Love & obey* Jn 14.
- 3) Literal phrase: “*eternal punishment*” [Mt 25:31-34, 41-46].
- 4) He endorsed God’s Love & Wrath as compatible:
[Psalm 145:17-20] God’s Love motivates His vengeance.

What About Hell?

A) Jesus Clearly Taught On Hell. Mt 24-25

B) Philosophical Questions to Consider:

1) Is God Fair to Judge Us?

Why do we expect this of God? In one sense He isn't...

He lets His enemies (us), freely choose trust. **[Rom 5:6-11]**

Thus, "All that are in hell chose it." C.S. Lewis

2) Does Belief In Hell Improve Humanity?

A final state of justice fulfills human longing, addresses evil.

Hell is a great motivator for right living. **[Romans 12:19]**

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A) Jesus Clearly Taught On Hell. Mt 24-25

B) Philosophical Questions to Consider:

- 1) Is God Fair to Judge Us? It's a choice [**Rom 5:6-11**]
- 2) Does Belief In Hell Aid Humanity? Motivation [**Rom 12:19**]
- 3) What Do Other Cultures Believe About Hell?

Why should Western concerns determine truth?

Some Eastern cultures are offended at grace & mercy.

Is it narrow-minded to caution about consequences?

What About Hell?

A) Jesus Clearly Taught On Hell. Mt 24-25

B) Philosophical Questions Can Favor Hell. Rom 5, 12

C) We're Created for Relationships

The self-centered foolishly dismiss God. [**Lk 16:19-31**]

Paul says Hell is separation from our Creator. [**2 Th 1:6-10**]

Consider the titles of The One giving the invitation: **(John)**

Bread of Life, Light of the World, The Way & The Life...

Why choose to be hungry & lost in a dark & dead place?