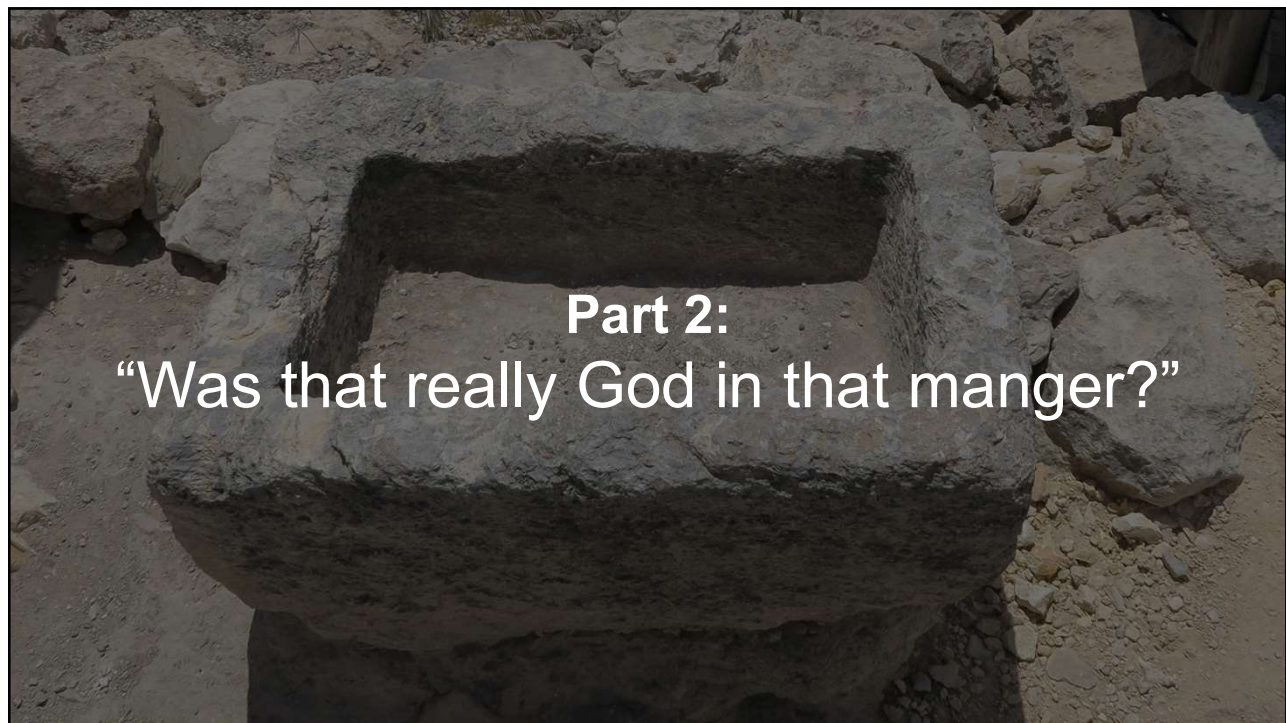




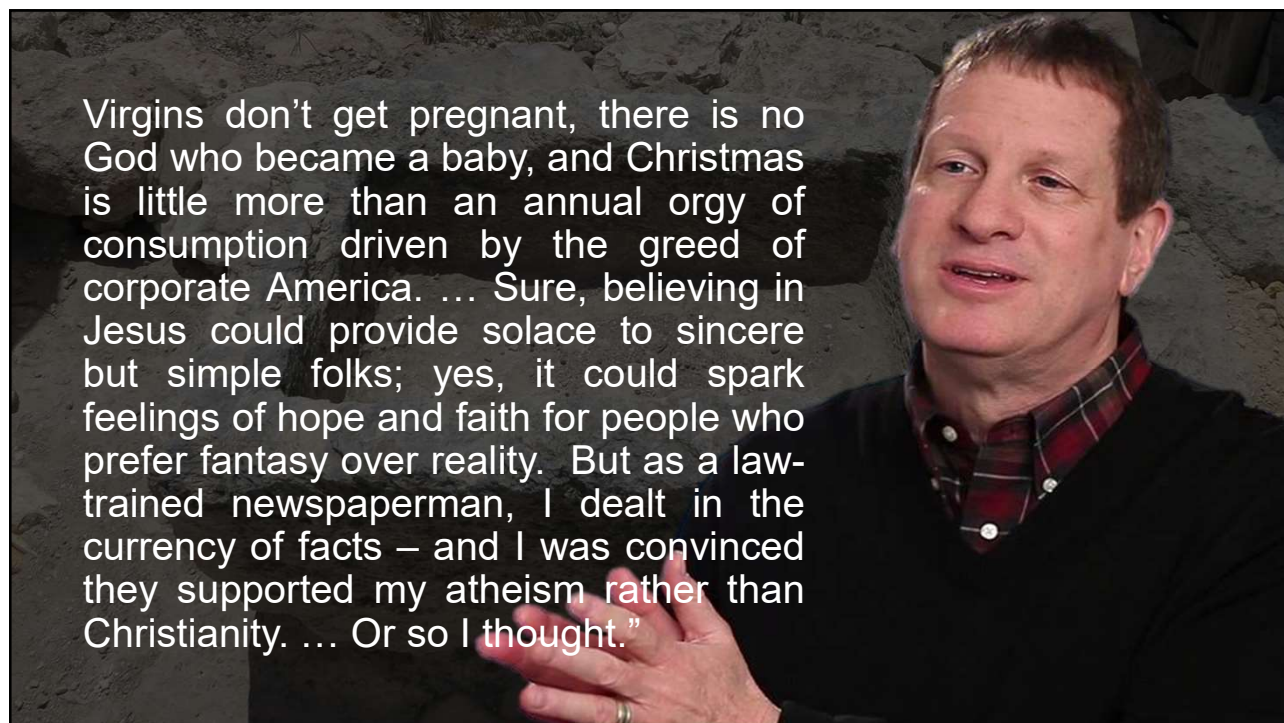
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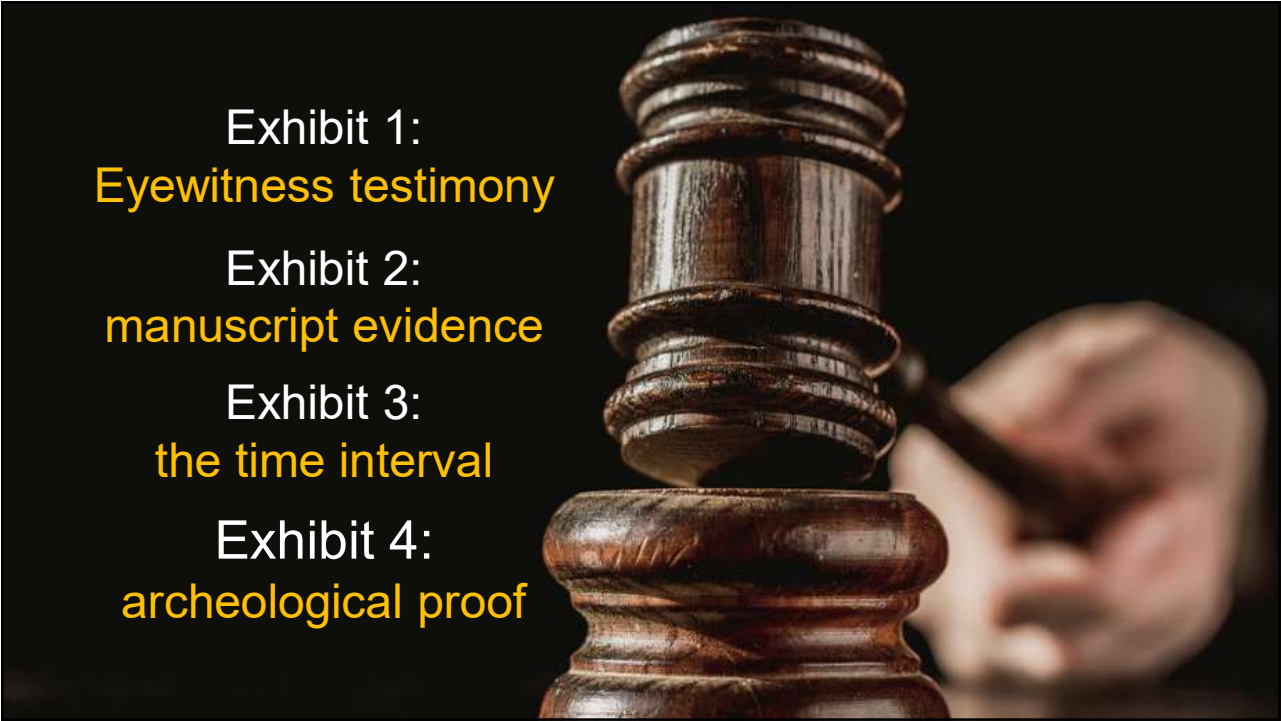


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Exhibit 2:
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Exhibit 3:
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Exhibit 4:
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Dr. Bruce Metzger, professor,
Princeton Theological Seminary:

**"The modern New Testament
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discrepancies, with no major
Christian doctrines in doubt."**

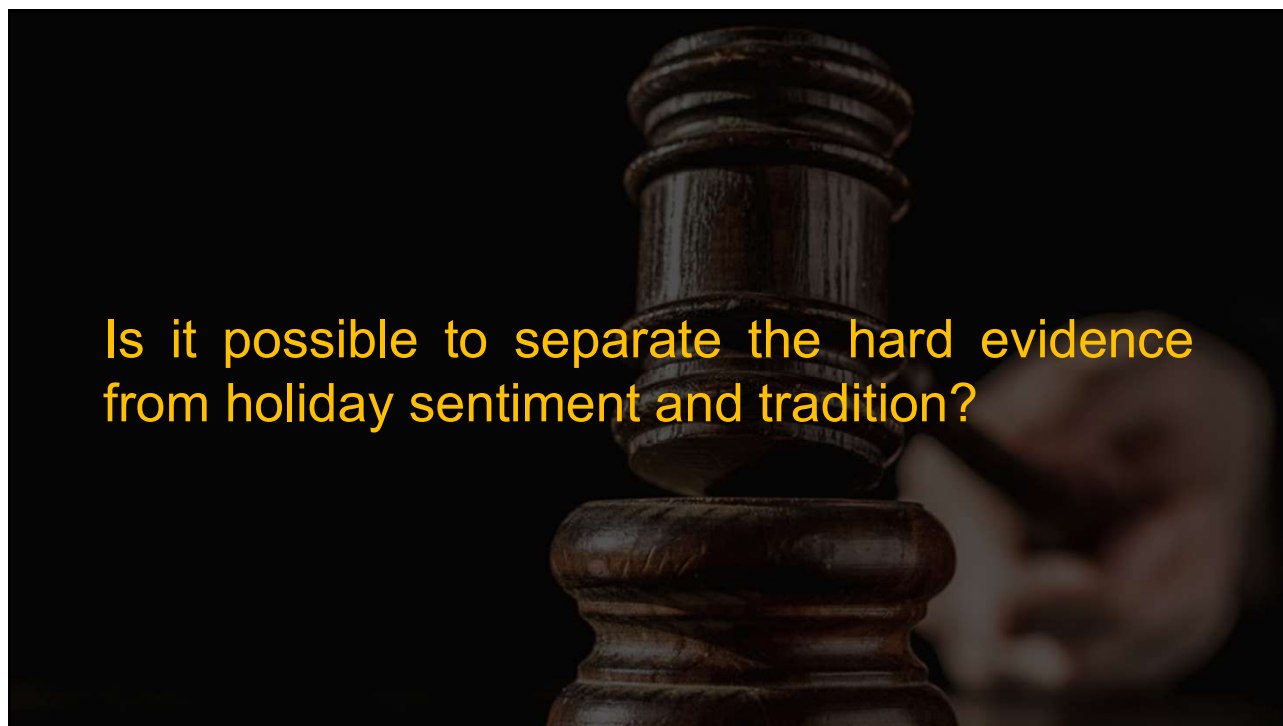
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Clifford Wilson, Dir. Australian
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**"Those who know the facts
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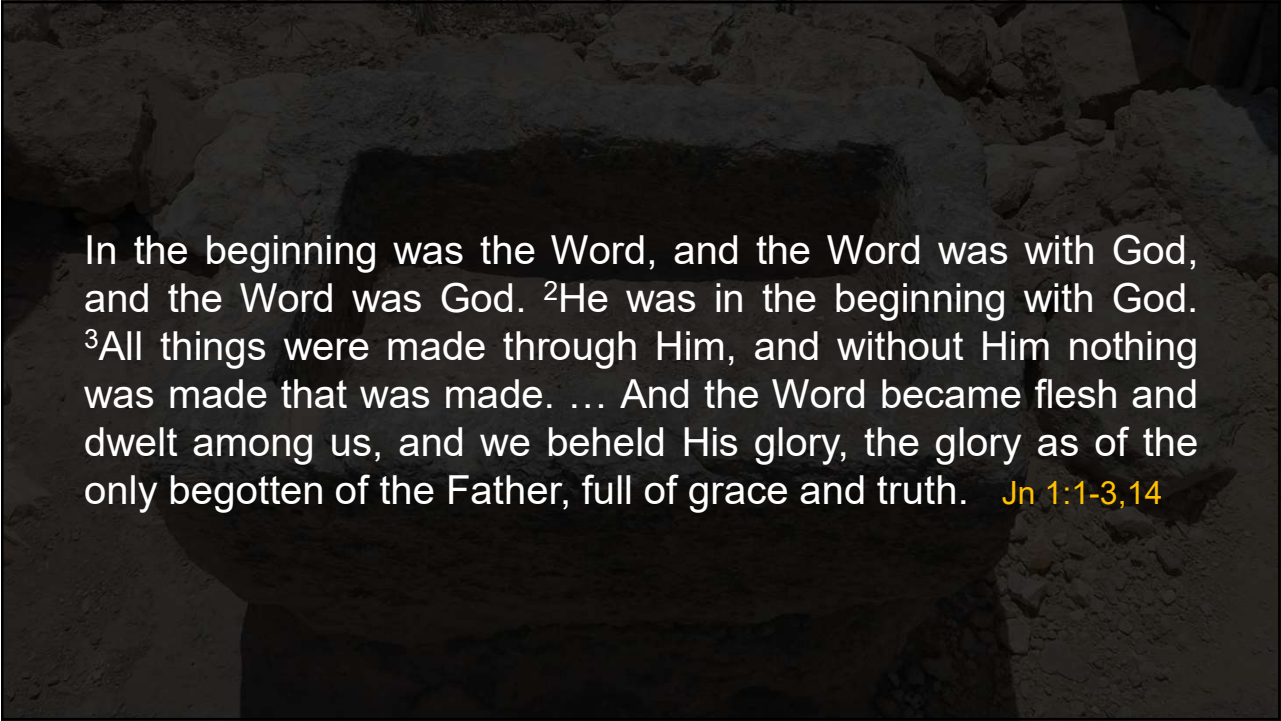
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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. ... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. Jn 1:1-3,14

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If Jesus was “God in the flesh,” we would expect Him to be ...

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1. Omniscient

Jn 16:30 “Now we are sure that You know all things, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God.”

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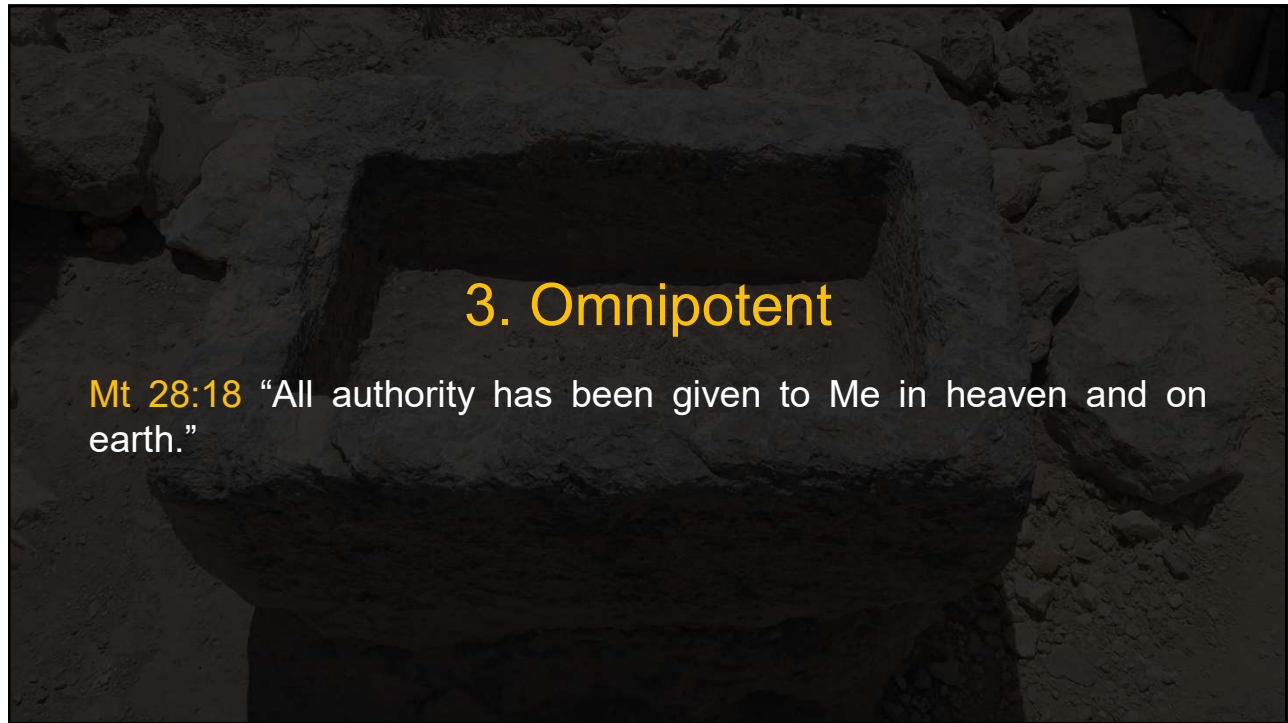


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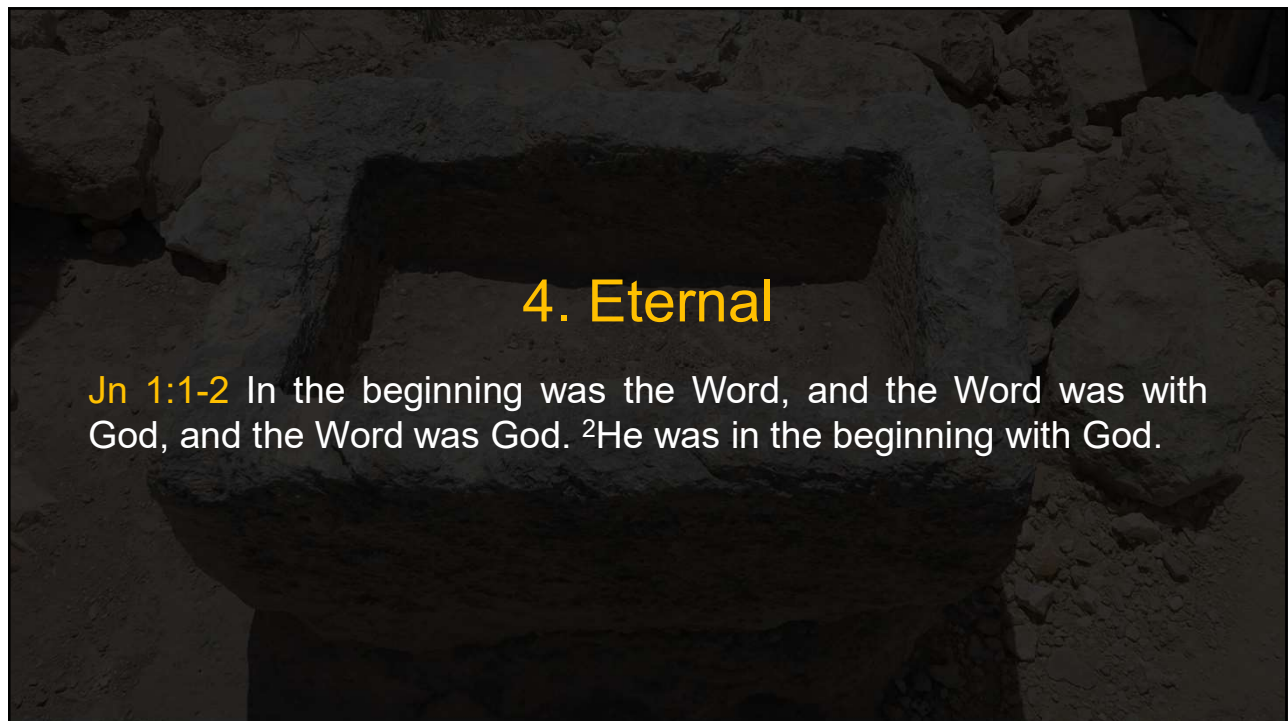
Mt 18:20 “For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”

Mt 28:20 “I am with you always”

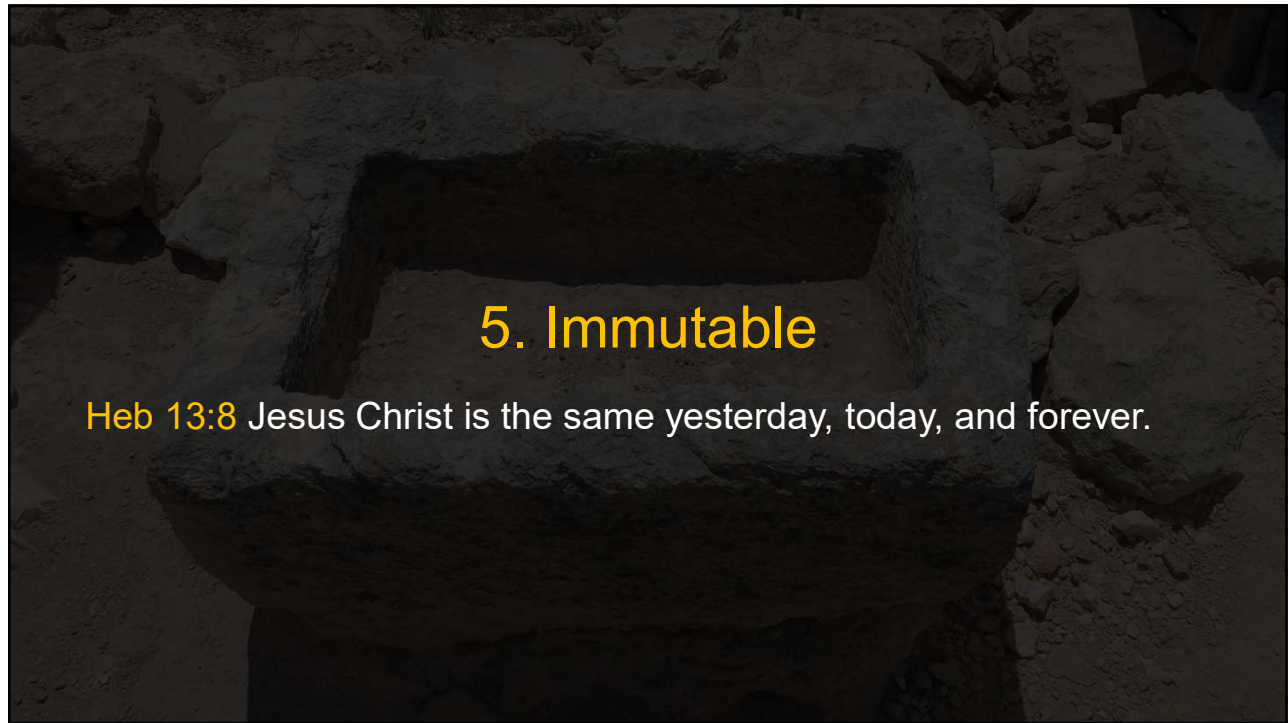
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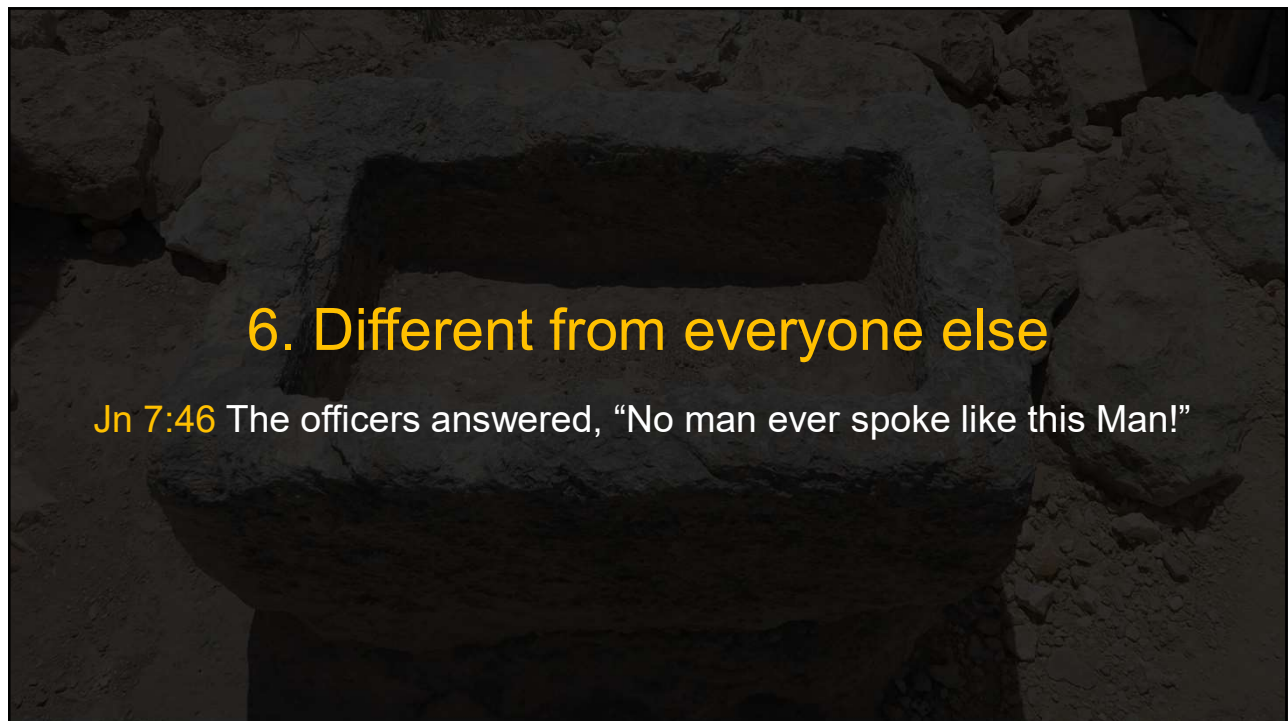
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5. Immutable

Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

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6. Different from everyone else

Jn 7:46 The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this Man!"

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7. Claim equality with God

Jn 10:30 "I and My Father are one."

Jn 17:22 "that they may be one just as We are one."

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8. Sinless

Jesus said: "Which of you convicts Me of sin?" Jn 8:46

Pilate said: "I find no fault in Him at all." Jn 18:38

Judas said: "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." Mt 27:4

Heb 4:15 but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

1 Pet 1:19 the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

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9. Wise

Lk 2:46-47 Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers.

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10. Forgive sin

Mt 9:2,5-6 He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you. ... For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? ⁶But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"

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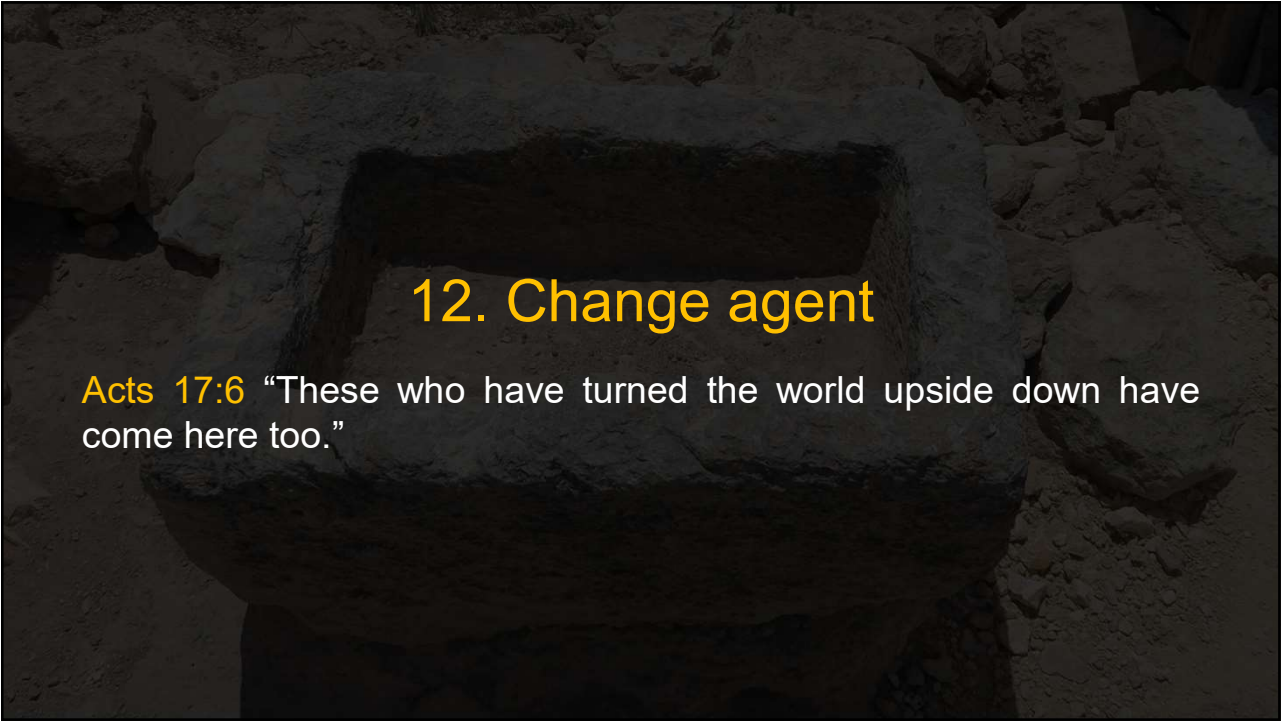


11. Miracle worker

Jn 3:2 “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.”

Acts 2:22 “Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst,”

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12. Change agent

Acts 17:6 “These who have turned the world upside down have come here too.”

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13. Rankle the establishment

Jn 11:53 Then, from that day on, they plotted to put Him to death.

Jn 18:14 Now it was Caiaphas who advised the Jews that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

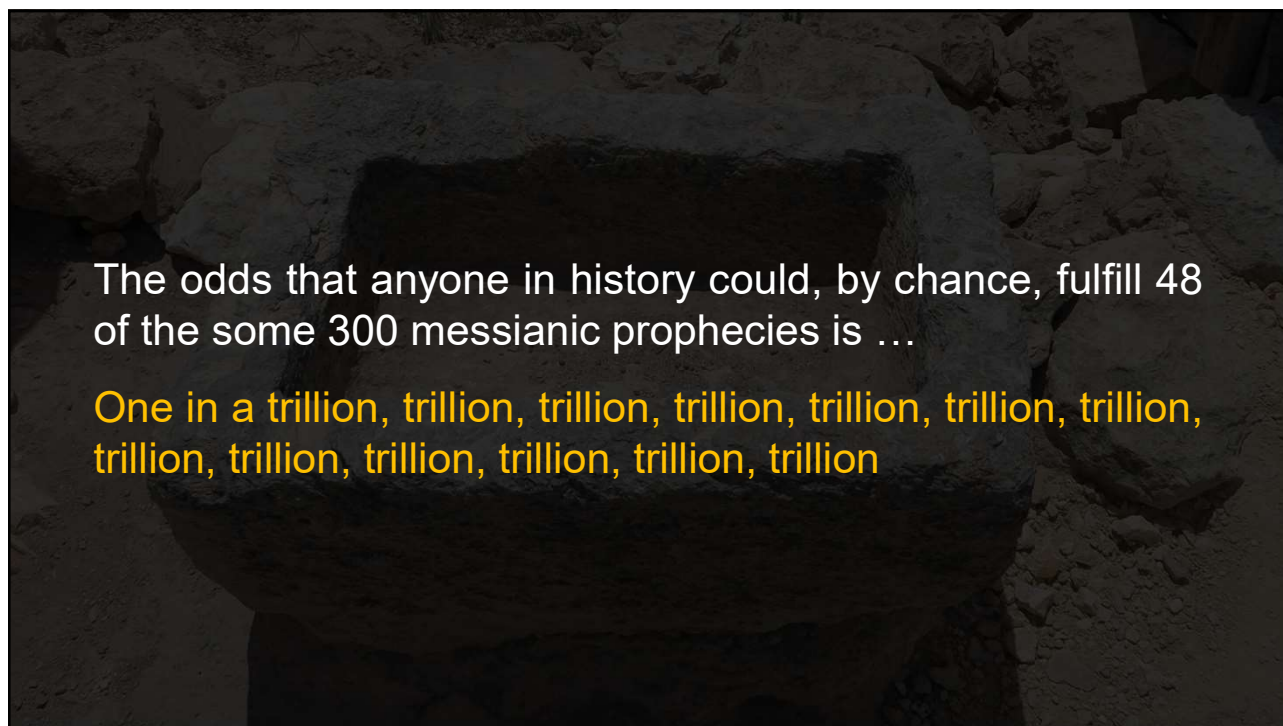
Mk 11:18 And the scribes and chief priests heard it and sought how they might destroy Him;

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14. Fulfill O.T. prophecies

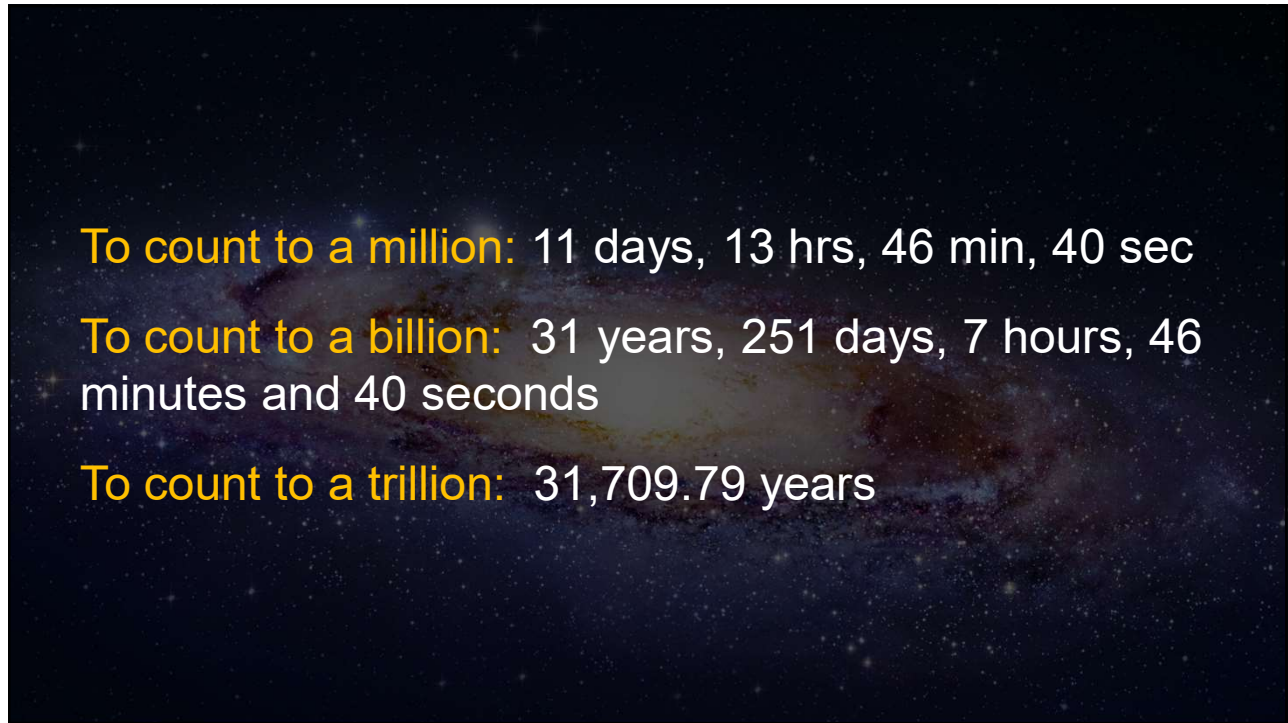
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“After spending nearly two years investigating the identity of the Christmas child, I was ready to reach a verdict. For me, the evidence was clear and compelling. Yes, Christmas is a holiday overlaid with all sorts of fanciful beliefs, from flying reindeer to Santa Claus sliding down chimneys. But I became convinced that if you drill down to its core, Christmas is based on a historical reality – the incarnation: God becoming man, Spirit taking on flesh, the infinite entering the finite, the eternal becoming time-bound. It’s a mystery backed up by facts that I now believed were simply too strong to ignore.”

Lee Strobel, *The Case For Christmas*

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