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ROGAN'S THREE QUESTIONS

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. But do this with gentleness and respect.

1 PETER 3:15

1. WHO DO YOU THINK JESUS WAS?

MANY METHODS OF ANSWERING SEEKERS QUESTIONS:

- **Philosophical Method** — Aquinas and Lewis
- **Scientific Compatibility Method** — Ross and Rana
- **Presuppositional Method** — Van Til and Schaeffer
- **Existential Method** — Kierkegaard and Pascal
- **Reformed Epistemology Method** — Plantinga and Wolterstorff
- **Evidential Method** — Montgomery and Pannenberg

2. HOW DO YOU KNOW JESUS EXISTED?

HISTORICAL EVIDENCE

NON-BIBLICAL SOURCES:

Thallus

Tacitus

Pliny

Suetonius

Celsus

Josephus

Talmud

DATA FROM THESE NON-BIBLICAL SOURCES:

- Name of Jesus.
- Time & place of public ministry.
- Mother's name.
- Ambiguous birth.
- Name of brother James.
- Fame as a teacher.
- Miracle worker.
- Title Messiah/Christ.
- Kingly status.
- Time and manner of execution.
- Leaders involved in his trial.
- Eclipse occurring at the time of his execution.
- Reports of appearances after death.
- Flourishing of a movement with Christ at the center.

Biblical Sources-
NT Manuscript Evidence

“The wealth of manuscripts, and above all the narrow interval of time between the writing and the earliest extant copies, make it by far the best attested text of any ancient writing in the world.”

— **John A.T. Robinson** —

**Big Bang that started the revolution
that changed the world was the
resurrection.**



**3. IS BELIEF IN JESUS SOME
TYPE OF PSYCHOLOGICAL
SOFTWARE YOU CAN RUN TO
MAKE YOU HAPPY?**

EXPERIENTIAL EVIDENCE:

- Expert Testimonies
- Everyday Needs Testimonies
- Overcoming Testimonies

**THERE'S A TREASURE TROVE OF HISTORICAL
AND EXPERIENTIAL EVIDENCE THAT
SUPPORTS THE VERACITY OF CHRISTIANITY.**

PERSONAL EVIDENCE

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