

"WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?"

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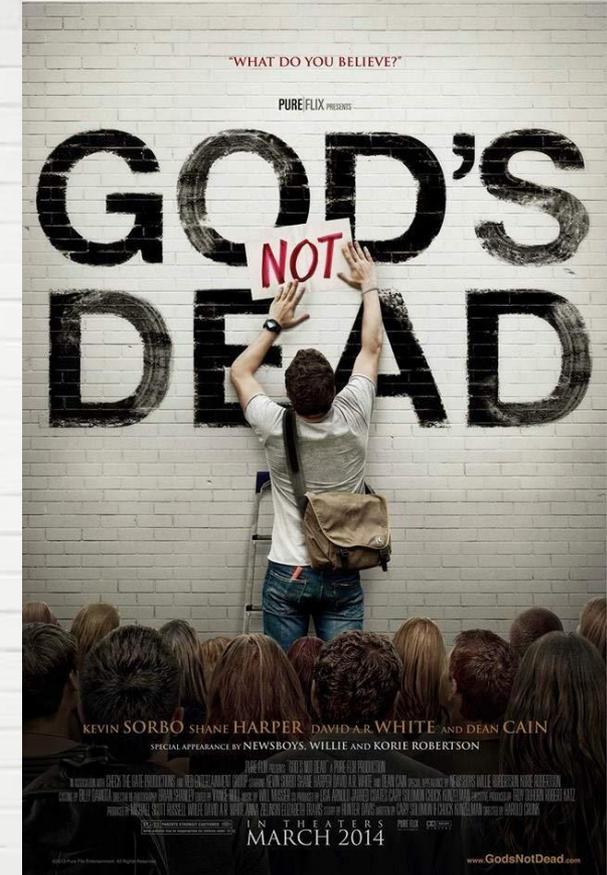


# God's Not Dead The Movie

The movie tells the story of a Christian college student, Josh Wheaton, whose faith is challenged by his philosophy professor.

The movie touches on some important questions that sometimes challenge the Christian faith.

Let's consider some of them.



# “Is Our Faith Blind?”



*“Are there truly rational supports for believing that Jesus Christ is God in the flesh?”*

# Five Pieces of Evidences in Favor of Jesus Christ Being God

We are going to consider 5 lines of evidence that point to the Jesus being God:

1. The **Bible**
2. **Nature**
3. The **Church**
4. **Prayer**
5. Personal **Experience**

# The Bible

The first and foremost source for our faith in the fact that Jesus Christ is God comes from the Bible.

## **John 1:1, 14a**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the one who is called the Word. The Word was with God and was truly God.

<sup>14</sup> The Word became a human being and lived here with us. We saw his true glory, the glory of the only Son of the Father...”

# But Can We Trust The Bible?

The New Testament is the MOST well documented book from ancient history!

- 5,664 manuscripts + 19,000 copies = 24,600
- Homer's *Illiad*: 643 copies
- Sophocles: 193 copies
- Aristotle: 49 copies
- Plato, Caesar, Pliny, Euripides, Tacitus, Herodotus: 20 copies or less

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The New Testament is the CLOSEST to the events it describes!

- **NT was written within 70 from the events and we have copies dating to AD 130 (less than 100 yrs from the fact)**
- *Homer's Illiad*: 900 BC / 400 BC / 500 yrs
- Caesar: 100-44 BC / AD 900 / 1000 yrs
- Pliny: AD 61-113 / AD 850 / 750 yrs
- Plato: 427-347 BC / AD 900 / 1200 yrs
- Aristotle: 384-322 BC / AD 1100 / 1400 yrs

# But Can We Trust The Bible?

The New Testament copies are 99.5% in agreement!

- In 20,000 lines, 40 (400 words) are still in debate.
- None of them touch on essentials of the faith

Greek scholar D.A. Carson says: *“The purity of text is of such a substantial nature that nothing we believe to be true, and nothing we are commanded to do, is in any way jeopardized by the variants.”*

# But Can We Trust The Bible?

The OT has 1,239 predictive prophecies and the NT 578, for a total of 1,817! They include:

- Details of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus
- The rise and fall of empires
- The destruction of cities (e.g., Tyre)
- The destruction of Jerusalem
- The birth and spread of the church

# Nature

## **Romans 1:20**

<sup>20</sup> God's eternal power and character cannot be seen. But from the beginning of creation, God has shown what these are like by all he has made. That's why those people don't have any excuse.

## **Psalms 19:1**

<sup>1</sup> The heavens keep telling the wonders of God, and the skies declare what he has done.

# Nature

According to Paul, everyone knows that God exists because of the amazing things we see all around us every day--the wings of a dragonfly, a baby's birth, a snowflake, or the Milky Way on a clear night.

We all know that these intricate designs in creation imply that there is a Designer. Or did your iPhone just appear in your pocket overnight?



# The Church

## **Matthew 16:18**

I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.

Despite the Roman's persecution in the First Century, and surviving over 2,000 years of global persecutions thereafter, the Church continues to exist... even in deadly Communist and Islamic countries right up to today.

# Prayer

## Hebrews 4:16

<sup>16</sup> So whenever we are in need, we should come bravely before the throne of our merciful God. There we will be treated with undeserved kindness, and we will find help.

In prayer, we feel the presence of God and we receive answers!



# Personal Experience

## Acts 4:13

<sup>13</sup> The officials were amazed to see how brave Peter and John were, and they knew that these two apostles were only ordinary men and not well educated. The officials were certain that these men had been with Jesus.

Being with Jesus transforms people.

- Throughout history, individual and societies have been changed by Jesus Christ
- I have been transformed by Jesus Christ!

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# Is Our Faith Blind?

No! Our faith is NOT blind!

Our faith is supported by facts, verifiable facts, available to anyone who looks!

