

Adding Apologetic Elements To Your Gospel Presentation

1. Topic: Jesus is the only way to God (Jn. 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Tim 2:5)

Add the statement: *“Salvation is not through Buddha or Muhammad but through Christ alone.”*

2. Topic: Evidence for Christ’s uniqueness

Add the statement: *“It seems to me that Buddha and Muhammad may have said a lot of good things, and done a lot of good things, but Jesus Christ is the only major religious leader that ever claimed to be God, and then proved it by dying on the Cross and rising from the dead. So He alone has the power over life and death. He alone is the one we should follow.”*

3. Topic: Evidence for Christ's Resurrection

To Campus Crusade’s *Four Spiritual Laws*, “Law 3 – He rose from the dead” (I Cor 15:3-6), add the statement: *“It seems to me that you can take Buddha out of Buddhism and still have Buddhism, or you can take Mohammed out of Islam and still have Islam. But you cannot take Christ out of Christianity and still be a Christian. And specifically, you cannot be a Christian without the reality of the resurrection. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is foundational to the Christian faith.”*

When Paul wrote to the Corinthians in I Cor. 15, he assumed that anyone who was willing to look at the evidence for Christ’s resurrection could see that it was true. His statement in verse 6, “after that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep,” demonstrates this truth. The Apostle Paul was in effect saying that if you don’t believe me then go ask the more than 500 witnesses who saw Christ after the Resurrection. Now this is an interesting statement because I Cor. 15 was written around about 55 or 60 AD. That means that about 25 or 30 years after Christ’s death, Paul stated that out of the more than 500 people who saw Christ after His resurrection, many were still alive and could testify to the truth of who Jesus was! Now, you can bet that if the Resurrection did not really happen, the Jews would have buried Christianity in the first century. They would have totally exposed it as a hoax!

(For the Apostle Paul to lie about the matter, would have been like someone writing in tomorrows newspaper that John F. Kennedy was drowned instead of shot in Dallas in 1963. The fraud would fail because there are still lots of people alive today, who were there in Dallas in 1963, and saw the shooting happen! Since Christianity arose in Jerusalem before many hostile Jews, you can be sure that if there really had not been as many as 500 witnesses at one time who confessed to seeing Jesus alive after his death, the Jewish leaders would have buried Christianity in the first century!)

