

A Lessons For Life Book

**JESUS
IS REAL
No Matter
How We Feel**



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This Book Is For You!**

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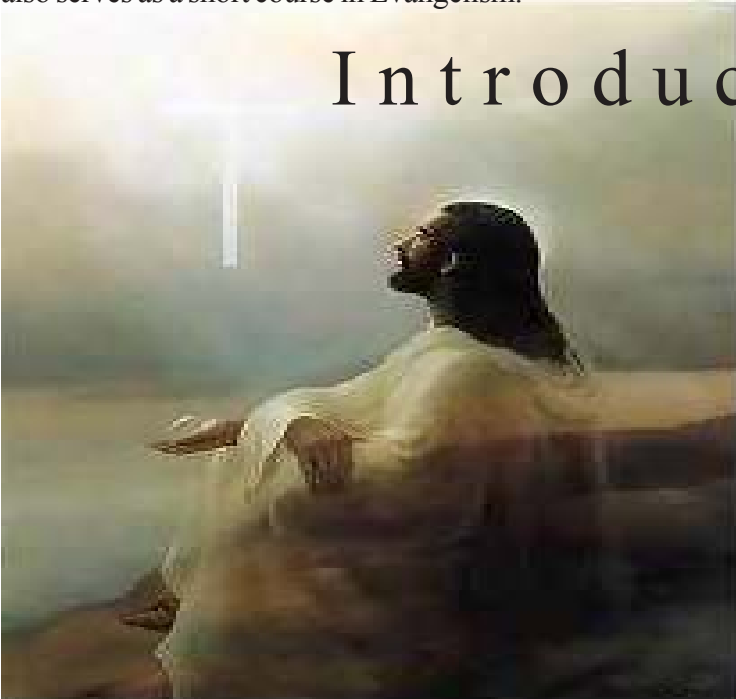
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Jesus Christ doesn't need Christians to validate Him. Anyone who knows Him for themselves, knows that He is. This book is a support tool for Christians because it contains answers from the Bible that we can give to anyone, especially unbelievers, who asks us to prove that Jesus is real. Designed to help reach out to people in other cultures and other religions through practical, easy to use scriptures and stories that dispel the myths man has created about other gods, in order to deny the One True God and His Son.

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also serves as a short course in Evangelism.

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SHARING JESUS WITH AN UNBELIEVER

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If we remove all the people from off the face of the Earth, Jesus would still be real. If we argued this fact until an atheist made us start questioning it, Jesus would still be real. If we began listening to the doctrine of other religions, shaved our head and started following a cult leader, and sold all our possessions to go and live with him or her in a compound somewhere, Jesus would still be real.

Jesus does not need us to validate Him. We need Him to validate us. We need Him to validate our faith (He is the author and finisher); We need Him to validate our hope (He asked us to have hope in something unseen even though it may be deemed crazy by the world).

Question: How do we tell a lost and dying world that they need to choose Christ before He returns and it's too late?

Answer: With scripture and love combined. God's Word is alive. It has the power to carry out God's plan in the life of everyone who hears it. We can show those who don't believe Love by just giving them an opportunity to receive it.

If you're an evangelist or a part of an evangelistic team out on the street handing out tracks to try and get people's attention to give them information that can help save their souls, but you run into a muslim, cult member, hindu, buddhist, or any one of a dozen other religions that don't acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, you cannot force feed them.

Your assignment is to "hand out the track". Not make them read or believe what you hand them. If your assignment is to plant the seeds, trust God to send someone else to water so He can give the increase. After the seed is watered, what increase will God give? The increase that will give them the knowledge they need to remove the blinders from their mind and the veil from the Old Testament.

SCRIPTURE

(2nd Tim. 2:23-26)
Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels.

And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful.

Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance, leading them to a knowledge of the truth, and that they will come to their senses and escape the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

So the next time you hand out a track and a non-believer wants to argue about what you give them, tell them that "Jesus Is Real No Matter How They Feel."

SHARING JESUS WITH AN UNBELIEVER

There is something to say about witnesses to events that took place when Jesus was on Earth, which serve to dispel any notion that none of it took place. For any conspiracy theorists, this statement is for you: The fact that tens of thousands of people testify to being a witness to the birth, life, miracles in His ministry, and the death of Jesus is proof enough. The fact that it isn't in your heart makes me feel sorry for you.

Jesus is real no matter how we feel. He doesn't need our belief, He doesn't need our devotion, He doesn't need our commitment, He doesn't need anything from us. But we need everything from Him.

Here is some more scripture where God Himself testifies about His Son.

MATTHEW 17:1-8

After six days Jesus took with Him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then, there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters--one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah. While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son whom I love; with Him I am well pleased. Listen to Him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," He said. "Don't be afraid.:" When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. **GOD TESTIFIES THAT JESUS IS HIS SON, AND THAT IN ITSELF IS ENOUGH TO SAY JESUS IS REAL NO MATTER HOW WE FEEL.** Those who don't believe these witnesses, will one day because the Bible says that "every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus is Lord."

SCRIPTURE

(Matthew 3:13-17)

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter Him saying, 'I need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?' Jesus replied, 'Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.' Then John consented. As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water. At that moment Heaven was opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting upon Him. And a voice from Heaven said: 'This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.'

There were many witnesses that heard the voice of God during both of these instances. Praise The Lord!

SHARING JESUS WITH AN UNBELIEVER

Many men in the Bible received the blessing of being able to speak with God one-on-one. In my life, I have never wanted anything more than that. It has been a prayer and a wish of mine as long as I can remember. Most Christians are probably the same. Especially when we watch the TV movie Ten Commandments when Charleston Heston, as Moses, reaches the burning bush and we hear God's calm but thunderous voice speak to him. I cry tears each and every time I watch that scene and a lot of other scenes in the movie wishing I could experience the same or similar events where I would hear God speak to me, or I would witness God performing miracles such as those in the movie.

The Earth, sun, moon, stars, trees, oceans, and many other things are all miracles of God but when I read wisdom's account in Proverbs 8 that says she was there when it was all created makes me wish I was too.

LIKE MOSES, SOME OF THE MEN IN THE OLD TESTAMENT WHO SPOKE DIRECTLY TO GOD INCLUDE:

ADAM	Genesis 2:16
NOAH	Genesis 6:13
ABRAHAM	Genesis 12:1
JOSHUA	Joshua 1:2
SAMUEL	1st Samuel 3:4
ELIJAH	1st Kings 17:2
ISAIAH	Isaiah 6:9
EZEKIEL	Ezekiel 2:1

In the New Testament, the one passage that makes me wish for the same or similar event is when John gives an account of his being taken into Heaven in the book of Revelation. Most of the men who spoke one-on-one with God never knew one another. So they couldn't have gotten together to concoct a story that would be believed by so many, and last more than 2,000 years. The fact that all these men couldn't be wrong helps me make the case for the statement that Jesus is real no matter how we feel.

SCRIPTURE

(Revelation 1:10-13)
On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, which said: "Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodecia. I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and among the lampstands was someone like the son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to His feet and with a golden sash around His chest."

All these men, and more, spoke to God, and saw Jesus. Jesus is real no matter how we feel.

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Have you ever wondered what it must have been like to be one of the 12 disciples? They received the blessing and the opportunity to walk with, work with, eat with, pray with, and spend time one-on-one with Jesus over a period of about three years.

Even after being witnesses to the miracles of Jesus, hearing Him preach, seeing the power of the Holy Spirit rest upon Him, seeing Him feed thousands with a few scraps, and being taught by Him on a regular basis, there was still one who doubted the resurrection of Jesus. Even after all that.

Thomas was one of the original 12 disciples, later called apostles in Matthew 10:2. Thomas had several encounters with Christ. He walked with Him over three years. So there were many times that Thomas witnessed miracles firsthand.

Thomas was there when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. Thomas's question was the reason Jesus gave the response, "I am the way and the truth and the life."

Thomas wasn't present when Jesus appeared to the other disciples after being resurrected, but when Jesus came back a week later, He showed Thomas the holes in his hands and feet.

Thomas was there when Matthias was chosen by the disciples to replace Judas.

Thomas was there in the upper room when the Holy Spirit that Jesus promised came upon the 120 that were there.

But even after all of the encounters before the resurrection, Thomas doubted that Jesus, who had raised others from the dead, could come back from the dead. Is there something about the life and ministry of Jesus that you have ever doubted? I can honestly say that I haven't. Since long before I ever set foot in a church, or heard the word of God spoken into my hearing, in my heart I've always believed, and in my spirit I've always known. And even with all the doubting Thomases in the world today, it still can never negate the fact that Jesus is real no matter how we feel.

SCRIPTURE

(John 20:24)

Now Thomas one of the twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in His hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you. Then He said to Thomas, "...stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to Him, "My Lord and my God."

Praise God that there is always evidence for those who need it.
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After showing Thomas that He had indeed risen from the dead, Jesus said to him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

The world is full of doubting Thomases. There are atheists. Muslims. AntiChristis. Buddhists. Hindu. Wickans. Even Scientologists. There are more people that don’t believe in Christ and their reasons why, than this book could hold.

But that still does not negate the fact that Jesus is real no matter how we feel.

The validity of Jesus does not rest with man, it rests with God. God says, “He is not a man that He should lie.” (Num 23:19) So just because God said it, that’s enough for me. And should be enough for others who refuse to believe.

We cannot force those who doubt God’s sovereignty or the authority given to His Son, Jesus Christ, to believe in God. We can only remember what Jesus said to Thomas, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

I’ve often wondered why so many people spend so much time trying not to believe and working to convince themselves and others that God does not exist, and therefore if there is no God, then Jesus can’t be real.

I’ve often prayed for God just to do something as simple as write, “I AM GOD” across the sky in letters big enough so everyone could see it by day, and bright enough so that people could still see it in the dark of night. But Jesus made it clear that the next time we would see such as sign would be the day that He Himself returns to prove to everyone that He is Lord.

The sad thing is that by then, it will be too late for those who have chosen not to believe but even they will still bow.

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“Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Just because God said it, that is more than enough for me.



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God is the author of the Bible. It is meant to be our instruction manual, our roadmap home. Without it, we are lost. Use the information in these books to help you and others.

God destroys the darkness behind us, to direct us toward our destiny ahead. So whatever you do on your journey, never turn back. God bless you in your walk with Christ. Amen.

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