

C. JESUS

1. Scriptural Warrant

Is there Scriptural warrant to believe that materials about Jesus include lines of evidence for the truth of Christianity?

Jesus fulfills Messianic prophecy:
see warrant under "Fulf Proph" above

Jesus' ministry in general:
Central to Gospel: 1 Cor 2:2
Historical certainty: Luke 1:1-4
Brings conviction: John 20:30-31

Jesus' resurrection in particular:
Necessary to Christianity: 1 Cor 15:12-20
Used as evidence:
Pentecost: Acts 2:22-24,32,36
(with tongues, OT fulfillment)
Solomon's Portico: Acts 3:15ff
(with healing, OT fulfillment)
Cornelius' house: Acts 10:36-43
(with news of Jesus' ministry, OT fulfillment)
Pisidian Antioch: Acts 13:16-41
(with preaching of John B., OT fulfillment)
Athens: Acts 17:22-31
(with general revelation only)

2. Lines of Argumentation

- a. **Uniqueness of Jesus**
see Edwin Yamauchi, Jesus, Zoroaster...
and below
- b. **Fulfillment of Prophecy in Jesus**
see Newman, Evidence of Prophecy, chs 9-11
and below
- c. **Corroboration by Historical Tests**
see McDowell, More Than a Carpenter, and his
recent He Walked Among Us
Blomberg, Historical Reliability of Gospels
Newman, "Easter Narratives" IBRI RR #1
discussed below
- d. **Resurrection of Jesus**
see bibliography: Buell/Hyder, McDowell, Morison,
Wenham
see discussion below