Accessible Apologetics:
The Complete Course

A Five to Ten-Week Series
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Lesson 1: Introduction to Apologetics
- What is Christian Apologetics?
- Why Defend My Faith?

Lesson 2: Faith and Reason
- Do Faith and Reason Mix?
- How Do I Know Christianity is True?

Lesson 3: Evidence for God
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- Why Does God Allow Evil?

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- Did God Speak to Us?
- Can I Trust My Bible?

Lesson 5: Dead or Alive
- Making History?
- Did Jesus Rise from the Dead?
Lesson 1: Introduction to Christian Apologetics
Time: Two 45-minute sessions or one 1 ½ hour session

1. Introduction
   a. Want to study apologetics?
   b. Defend without getting defensive
   c. Argue without being argumentative
   d. Speak the truth in love

2. What is Christian Apologetics?
   a. About the discipline
   b. Three essential elements

3. Why Defend My Faith?
   a. Jesus gave people reasons to believe
   b. Case study
   c. Jesus’ disciples gave reasons to believe

4. Christian objections to studying apologetics
   a. “People don’t come to faith through apologetics.”
   b. “Without faith, it’s impossible to please God.”
   c. “Just preach the Word because it will not return void.”

5. Christian objections to supporting Scripture with evidence.
   a. “We must believe Scripture’s true because it says it’s true or else you’re ‘testing Scripture’ by another standard.”
   b. “People won’t repent no matter how much evidence you give them.”

Lesson 2: Faith and Reason
Time: Two 45-minute sessions or one 1 ½ hour session

1. Introduction
   a. Indiana Jones, faith and reason
   b. Tertullian, Athens and Jerusalem

2. Do Faith and Reason Mix?
   a. Faith and belief
   b. Faith and the will
   c. Faith and reason

3. How Do I Know Christianity is True?
   a. Knowing the faith is true
   b. Showing the faith is true

4. Answering Objections to truth
   a. Encountering relativism
   b. Conversational tactics
   c. Responding to relativistic slogans
Lesson 3: Evidence for God
Time: Two 45-minute sessions or one 1 ½ hour session

1. Introduction
   a. A dead guy’s Facebook page
   b. Imagine there’s no heaven
   c. How God makes a difference

2. Is God Real?
   a. Why ask this question?
   b. Three arguments for the existence of God
   c. An argument based on the existence of the universe
   d. An argument based on design we see in the universe
   e. An argument based on objective moral values

3. Why Does God Allow Evil?
   a. Defining the problem
   b. Thinking about evil
   c. Evil as evidence for God
   d. Answering the problem of evil

Lesson 4: Fact or Fiction
Time: Two 45-minute sessions or one 1 ½ hour session

1. Introduction
   a. The Blind Men and the Elephant
   b. Tell it like it is

2. Did God Speak to Us?
   a. More than experience
   b. Only two options
   c. Three signs of the supernatural

3. Can I Trust My Bible?
   a. How reliable is your Bible?
   b. The Old Testament
   c. The New Testament

4. Questions and Conspiracies
   a. Missing books of the Bible?
   b. What about the Apocrypha?
   c. What about the Gnostic Gospels?
   d. Was the Bible changed?
Lesson 5: Dead or Alive

Time: Two 45-minute sessions or one 1 ½ hour session

1. Introduction
   a. The strangest passage in religion
   b. I saw the sign
   c. Body of evidence

2. Making History?
   a. How we know past events really happened
   b. Five types of evidence that help make history

3. Did Jesus Rise from the Dead?
   a. Five historical facts
   b. Jesus’ death on the cross
   c. The disciple’s belief that they saw Jesus after he rose from the dead
   d. The conversion of the persecutor, Paul
   e. The conversion of the skeptic, James
   f. The empty tomb