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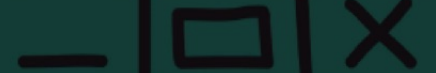
# GREAT QUESTION

HOW THE BIBLE ADDRESSES OUR BIGGEST ISSUES WITH GOD | 





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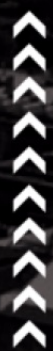


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JUNE 7

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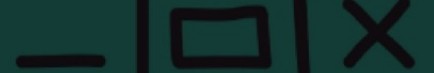
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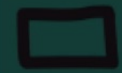
## GREAT QUESTION #6:

WAS JESUS A HISTORICAL  
PERSON AND WHAT DID  
HE SAY AND DO?





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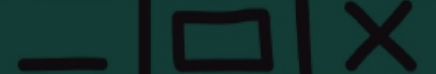
## *Weird and Wrong Things People Have Believed About Jesus...*

- #1 - He was an alchemist who turned metals into gold
- #2 - He married Mary Magdalene and had a family
- #3 - He spent his teenage years in India studying Buddhism
- #4 - He promoted cannibalism
- #5 - Michael Scott believed Jesus had the power of flight and could heal "leopards"





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#1 – DID JESUS EVEN EXIST?



<sup>1</sup>This is the **genealogy of Jesus** the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham...

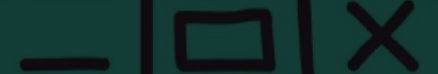
Matthew 1:1

<sup>18</sup>As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, **Simon called Peter** and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." <sup>20</sup>At once they left their nets and followed him.

Matthew 4:18-20



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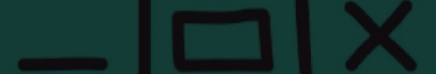
**Tacitus:** "Nero fastened the guilt... on a class hated for their abominations, called Christians, by the populace. Christus, from whom the name had its origin, suffered the extreme penalty during the reign of Tiberius at the hands of the procurator Pontius Pilatus" (Tacitus, *Annals*, 15.44)

**Josephus:** "About this time there lived Jesus, a wise man, if indeed one ought to call him a man. For he... wrought surprising feats... He was the Christ. When Pilate... condemned him to be crucified, those who had come to love him did not give up their affection for him. On the third day he appeared... restored to life... and the tribe of Christians... has not disappeared." (Josephus, *Antiquities*, 18:63-64)





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"I am a historian, I am not a believer, but I must confess as a historian that the penniless preacher from Nazareth is irrevocably the very center of history. Jesus Christ is easily the most dominant figure in all history."

- H. G. Wells  
skeptic, intellectual, author, historian



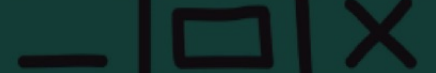
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#2 – DID JESUS CLAIM TO BE GOD?



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## *Biblical Evidence For The Claim That Jesus Is God...*

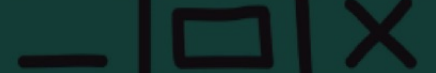
### **The disciple John claimed Jesus was God**

<sup>18</sup>*No one has ever seen God, but the one and only **Son, who is himself God** and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.*

*John 1:18*



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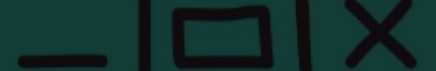


## *Biblical Evidence For The Claim That Jesus Is God...*

**The Jewish leaders believed Jesus claimed He was God**

*<sup>18</sup>For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even **calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.***

*John 5:18*

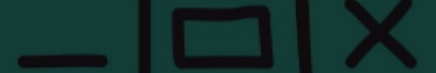


## *Biblical Evidence For The Claim That Jesus Is God...*

**Jesus claimed to be God when He said "I am"**

<sup>57</sup>*"You are not yet fifty years old,"* they said to him, *"and you have seen Abraham!"* <sup>58</sup>*"Very truly I tell you,"* Jesus answered, *"before Abraham was born, I am!"* <sup>59</sup>*At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.*

*John 8:57-59*



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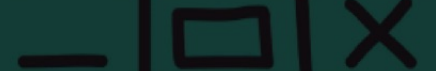
**Jesus claimed to be God when He declared oneness with the Father**

<sup>30</sup>***I and the Father are one.*** <sup>31</sup>*Again his Jewish opponents picked up stones to stone him,* <sup>32</sup>*but Jesus said to them, "I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?"* <sup>33</sup>*"We are not stoning you for any good work," they replied, "but for blasphemy, **because you, a mere man, claim to be God.**"*

John 10:30-33



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## *Biblical Evidence For The Claim That Jesus Is God...*

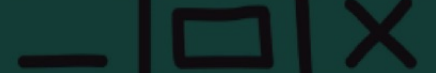
**Jesus claimed to be God by allowing  
His followers to worship Him**

<sup>33</sup>*Then those who were in the boat **worshiped him**, saying, "Truly you are the **Son of God.**"*

*Matthew 14:33*



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## ***Biblical Evidence For The Claim That Jesus Is God...***

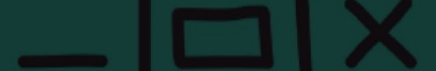
**Jesus was crucified because He claimed to be God**

*<sup>7</sup>The Jewish leaders insisted, "We have a law, and according to that law **he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God.**"*

*John 19:7*



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## *Biblical Evidence For The Claim That Jesus Is God...*

**Jesus claimed to be God by rising from the dead**

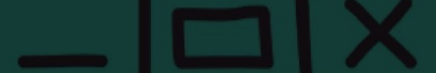
<sup>2</sup>*By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.*

<sup>3</sup>*For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was **raised on the third day** according to the Scriptures,*

1 Corinthians 15:2-4



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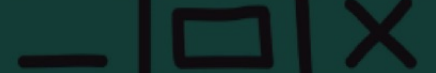


**#3 – DID JESUS TALK ABOUT MONEY,  
HELL, AND OTHER TOUGH TOPICS?**





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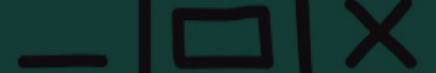
## *Did Jesus talk about money?*

<sup>13</sup>*"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."*

*Luke 16:13*



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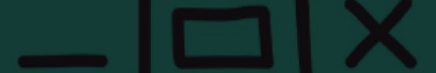


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- In 2025, we saw a **37% increase** in **first time givers!**
- In 2025, **44%** of regular givers **increased their giving!**
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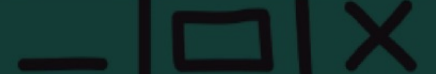
## *Did Jesus talk about Hell?*

*<sup>28</sup>Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the **One** who can **destroy** both soul and body in **hell**.*

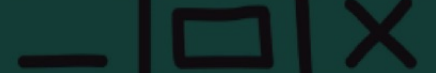
*Matthew 10:28*



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<sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man **came to seek and to save the lost.**  
Luke 19:10



## **Did Jesus talk about lust?**

*<sup>28</sup>But I tell you that anyone who **looks** at a woman **lustfully** has already committed adultery with her in his **heart**. <sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to stumble, **gouge it out** and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.*

*Matthew 5:28-29*





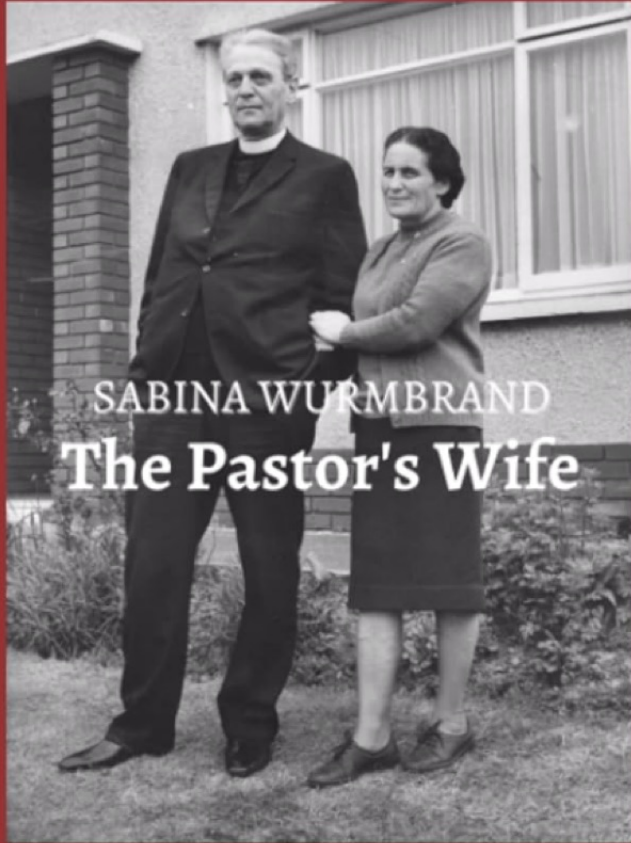
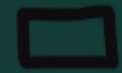
## Did Jesus talk about loving enemies?

<sup>43</sup>"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'<sup>44</sup> But I tell you, **love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,**<sup>45</sup> that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.<sup>46</sup> **If you love those who love you, what reward will you get?** Are not even the tax collectors doing that?<sup>47</sup> And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?<sup>48</sup> **Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.**

Matthew 5:43-48



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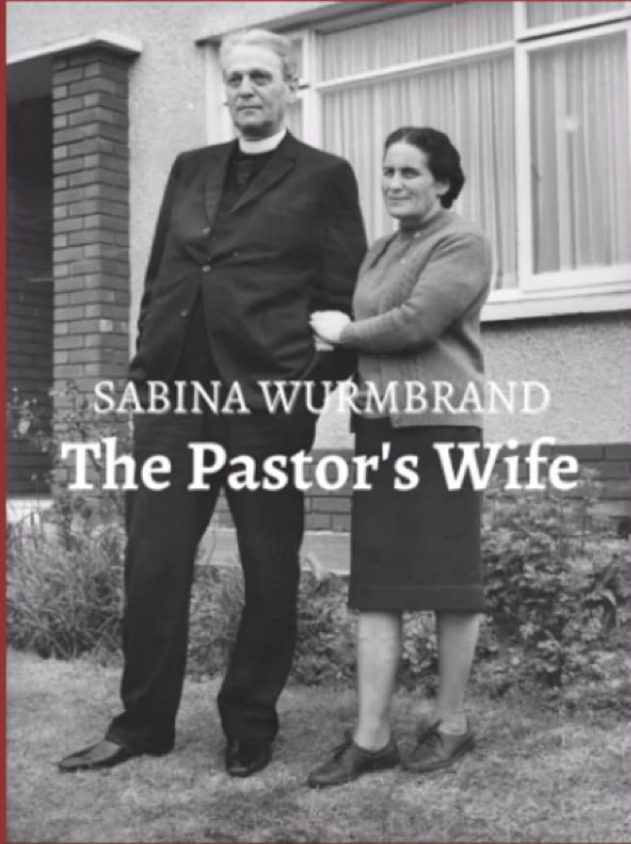
SABINA WURMBRAND  
**The Pastor's Wife**

“Even the **worst crimes** are  
**forgiven** by **faith** in Jesus Christ.”

- Sabina Wurmbbrand



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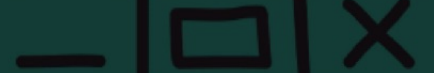
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"Give **all my love** to our **son** and the **pastor who denounced me.**"

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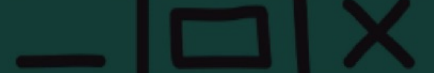
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**WHY IS THERE SO MUCH  
SUFFERING IN THE WORLD?**



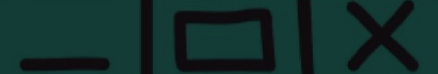


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#4 – DID JESUS EXPECT HIS FOLLOWERS  
TO GIVE UP THEIR LIVES FOR HIM?





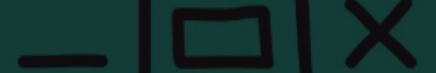
<sup>22</sup>And he said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life."

<sup>23</sup>Then he said to them all: **"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."** <sup>24</sup>For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, **but whoever loses their life for me will save it.** <sup>25</sup>What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self? <sup>26</sup>Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

Luke 9:22-26



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*<sup>15</sup>Then he said to them, "Watch out!  
Be on your guard against all kinds of greed;  
**life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."***

*Luke 12:15*



Ray and Fern Musser  
*Former Mayor of Upland*

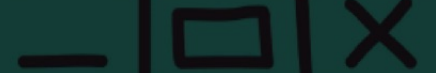
Jason Anderson  
*District Attorney of San Bernardino County*







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## DISCUSS WITH YOUR LIFE GROUP:

Jesus taught that following Him would cost us something. In your current season of life, what might Jesus be asking you to surrender, trust Him with, or place in His hands?



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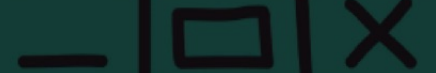
## SPIRITUAL PRACTICE FOR THE WEEK:

Make a check-list on your phone or in a journal and try to intentionally and genuinely do these six things: (1) forgive someone, (2) confess a struggle, (3) give generously, (4) turn away from temptation, (5) encourage an enemy or difficult person, (6) choose prayer over anxiety.

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Giving up control of your life to the One who gave up His life for you is **scary because you can only see what He's asking you to put in His hands**. But what you can't see yet is the **peace**, the **joy**, and the **purpose** that **fills those** who fully **trust in Jesus!**



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