



STAND FIRM

APOLOGETICS COURSE

Videos + Study Guide available at
sbtexas.com/standfirm

The **Stand Firm Apologetics Course** is designed to strengthen Christians' faith by presenting compelling evidence for the truths of Christianity, and equip Christians to share and defend the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Stand Firm is a sixteen-lesson video-driven introductory apologetics course that may be used for group or individual study. The individual videos are each about half an hour long and should be viewed prior to answering the discussion questions. Discussion leaders and individual students may research the topics by reading the recommended books and visiting the recommended web sites.

Beyond the suggested books and web sites included in the individual lessons, we also recommend the forthcoming book "Stand Firm" by Dickinson, Gould & Loftin to be published by Broadman & Holman as well as the following websites:

- sbtexas.com/onlinetraining/evangelism/c-33
- sbtexas.com/onlinetraining/confident-christianity/c-57
- sbtexas.com/onlinetraining/missions/c-28

Lesson Order

- 1 **A Rational Romantic Approach to Apologetics** Paul Gould
- 2 **Truth** Travis Dickinson
- 3 **The Bible** Travis Dickinson
- 4 **Does the Universe Indicate God's Existence?** Keith Loftin
- 5 **Does Science Disprove Miracles?** Keith Loftin
- 6 **Who is Jesus?** Paul Gould
- 7 **Resurrection** Keith Loftin
- 8 **Why Does God Allow Pain and Suffering?** Paul Gould
- 9 **The Exclusivity of Christ** Travis Dickinson
- 10 **Reaching Out to Catholics** Bruno Molina
- 11 **Reaching Out to Mormons** Bruno Molina
- 12 **Reaching Out to Jehovah's Witnesses** Rudy Gonzalez
- 13 **Reaching Out to Muslims** SBTC People Group Missionary
- 14 **Reaching Out to Hindus** SBTC People Group Missionary
- 15 **Reaching Out to Buddhists** SBTC People Group Missionary
- 16 **Standing Firm & Going Out** Travis Dickinson

7 Resurrection Keith Loftin

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1 Why is it important to realize that, when considering the historical evidence for Christ's Resurrection, we do not investigate it any differently than other historical events?

- 2 Which supporting evidence for the fact that Jesus' tomb was found empty most impresses you: that the empty tomb account is found in multiple, independent sources, that women are portrayed as the first to discover the empty tomb, or the earliest Jewish polemic of Matthew 28:11-15?

- 3 Which supporting evidence for the fact of Jesus' post-mortem appearances most impresses you: that their accounts are, again, found in multiple, independent sources, or that at least two people Jesus appeared to were unbelievers at the time?

- 4 How compelling is it that the disciples came to believe in the Resurrection?

- 5 What difference does it make to your faith that Christ's Resurrection is an actual, historical event and not merely a mythical, legendary story?

- 6 The majority of scholars agree that our three main facts are true, but many don't accept the Resurrection as the explanation of those facts. What are some possible alternative explanations, and how well do they explain the evidence?

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY

BOOKS

- The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus by Gary R. Habermas & Michael Licona

- The Case for Christ: A Journalist's Personal Investigation of the Evidence for Jesus by Lee Strobel

- To Everyone an Answer: A Case for the Christian Worldview by Beckwith, Craig & Moreland

- I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist by Norman L. Geisler & Frank Turek

WEBSITES

- risenjesus.com
- rzim.org
- leestrobel.com
- reasonablefaith.org
- crossexamined.org
- str.org
- thepoachedegg.net
- 4truth.net