

APOLOGETIC SAMPLINGS

2. Did Jesus really live?
 - A. Why the Question? Some reject the supernatural, reject miracles, reject the biblical Jesus.
 - B. Why so few first century mentions of Jesus? Very few reports about anything survived.
 - C. Non-biblical documents that refer to Jesus Christ.
 1. Josephus, lived c. AD 36-100: Pharisee, military commander, then attached to Roman military headquarters in Jerusalem, interpreted for General Titus, settled in Rome, wrote History of the Jewish War, Against Apion, Jewish Antiquities, and Autobiography (Antiq 18.3.3; 20.9.1).
 2. Pliny the Younger, lived c. AD 61-112: wrote ten volumes of correspondence, governor of Bithynia (Epistles 10.96-97).
 3. Cornelius Tacitus, lived c. AD 56-115: senator, governor of Asia, historian, wrote Annals (Annals, Loeb ed., 15.44).
 4. Suetonius, lived c. AD 69-130?: Roman historian and annalist (Life of Claudius, 25.4).
3. Did Christianity copy paganism?
 - A. Why do some say, "yes?"
 1. They reject the truth that Jesus Christ is the only savior.
 2. They name pagan practices and doctrines with Christian terms.
 3. They misunderstand the themes of the OT and NT.
 - B. Some supposed biblical borrowing from pagan religions
 1. Virgin birth
 2. Redemption through blood: bloody bull (Taurobolium) and bloody goat (Criobolium).
 3. Rebirth or regeneration.
 4. Baptism.
 5. Resurrection.

More on Apologetic Samplings Next Week

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SPOKANE BIBLE CHURCH

Sunday, March 16, 2008

Welcome to our Sunday morning Bible classes. Our services are designed to teach the Word of God, so believers can grow in grace and knowledge of their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ (Ephesians 4:12).

Sunday School

Bible Classes are available for all age groups ... from nursery to adult studies.

9:30 a.m.

Church Service

Welcome, Announcements, Grace Giving, Prayer

10:45 a.m.

Congregational Singing:

In Your Presence Lord, AF 54

Congregational Singing:

The Old Rugged Cross, 429

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 31:1-9 by JC Claassen

Congregational Singing:

Beneath the Cross of Jesus, 558

Special Music

Study of the Word of God:

"Jonah," Pastor Tod Kennedy

Congregational Singing:

Take Time to Be Holy, 155 (Verse 3)

Benediction

SPOKANE BIBLE CHURCH

Opportunities for Spiritual Growth and Fellowship This Week

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. Gathering of believers to pray for our nation, community, church, missionaries, fellow believers, and for the salvation of unbelievers
Prayer Groups
Spokane Bible Church

Wednesday, 7:20 p.m. The Gospel of Matthew
Mid-Week Bible Class
Spokane Bible Church

Dates	Events
March 16, 2008	Prayer and Pizza
March 29, 2008	Men's Prayer Breakfast

Prayer Focus This Week



"Pray without ceasing,"
1 Thessalonians 5:17

- Larry Hofmann, West Side Bible Church, Glendale, Arizona
- Mario Garcia, Village Ministries and Village Aquascalientes
- Health Concerns:
 - Donna Morris: Healing of five severe wounds; Intense pain
 - Eva Schmidt: Cancer, encouragement for Eva and for family
 - Dody Frick: Surgery recovery
 - Dee Proser: Recovery from hip injury
 - Tatiana: elderly/housebound, prayer warrior, Kiev, Ukraine
- Titus Kennedy: Teaching ministry at the Word of God Bible College
- Northpointe Retirement Ministry
- Salvation Request: Margaret's (Kiev translator) son, Sasha
- Spokane Bible Church — Believers
 - Spiritual growth
 - Health needs
 - Family difficulties
 - Employment
 - Special needs (Standing firm in the faith, finding the right mate, etc.)