

INFORMATION:

(The Prosecution enters an objection)

"Your honour, the defendants evidence is wholly dependant on written evidence that could well have just been made up by anyone."

(The Defence's reply)

The very thought that the written evidence – the Bible is made up is ludicrous.

Would anyone argue that Caesar's life is a made up story? (face the jury and ask them "How do we know what he did, when, why and how?" *Answers – archaeology, writings, coins etc.*

(Defence Evidence Submitted) Look at worksheet 2.

Explain that Caesar kept a diary of his wars. Historians trust that the number of copies of the original we have gives good evidence that it is accurate. Go through the sheet with them make sure they understand what it is saying.

Go through the NT details write the details on an OHP or flipchart so the jury can copy them onto their worksheets.

At this point also submit the evidence of three independent witnesses as quoted by

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(Prosecution Evidence Submitted)

Perhaps the prosecution is willing to concede that Jesus did exist, but that does not tell us who He was – after all many religions believe that Jesus existed.

In the car, click on the three dashboard dials.

Three statements regarding how Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism see Jesus will appear.

(Defence Evidence)

Submit to the court an objection – and click on the centre of the steering wheel.

INFORMATION:

Explain what incarnation means.

Webster's Dictionary – 'The embodiment of a god/spirit in human form'.

Jesus was more than just god in a body, he was 100% God and 100% man.

[CLOSING STATEMENTS]: The prosecution and defence make closing statements

DISCUSS:

Ask the jury to retire to consider the evidence.

Lead them in a discussion.

You may like to announce the final verdict

Explain that as a group they have decided what they think – but Jesus wants us to make a personal decision as well.

LESSON 2:

WORKSHEET



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1. Isaiah 11:1 NT Ref:

HOW?

2. Isaiah 53:3 NT Ref:

HOW?

3. Isaiah 53:5 NT Ref:

HOW?

4. Isaiah 53:7 NT Ref:

HOW?

5. Isaiah 61:1-2 NT Ref:

HOW?

6. Micah 5:2 NT Ref:

HOW?

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JOSEPHUS, A JEWISH HISTORIAN DESCRIBES JESUS AND HIS FOLLOWERS LIKE THIS:

About this time there lived Jesus, a wise man, if indeed one ought to call him a man. For he was one who performed surprising deeds and was a teacher of such people as accept the truth gladly. He won over many Jews and many of the Greeks. He was the Messiah. And when, upon the accusation of the principal men among us, Pilate had condemned him to a cross, those who had first come to love him did not cease. He appeared to them spending a third day restored to life, for the prophets of God had foretold these things and a thousand other marvels about him. And the tribe of the Christians, so called after him, has still to this day not disappeared.
- *Jewish Antiquities, 18.3.3*

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WORKSHEET ANSWERS



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Luke 3:23-32 (shows Joseph's inheritance line to David) |
| 2. Isaiah 53:3 | NT Ref: Mark 15:16-20, |
| 3. Isaiah 53:5 | NT Ref: John 19:1 |
| 4. Isaiah 53:7 | NT Ref: Mark 15:61 |
| 5. Isaiah 61:1-2 | NT Ref: Luke 4:18 |
| 6. Micah 5:2 | NT Ref: Matthew 2:2 |

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