

- An Argument for the truth of the Gospel from History (in outline form)
 - I. ▸ The four Gospels, when tested by the ordinary criteria employed by historians when dealing with documents from Greco-Roman antiquity, give evidence -- both within and without -- that they are primary source historical evidence for the life of Jesus.
 - II. ▸ The Central Figure of the Gospels claimed nothing less than that He was God in human flesh.
 - III. ▸ As objective evidence for the truth of this claim, he appealed to His sinless life, His fulfillment of O.T. Messianic prophecies, His miracles at will -- but *especially* to His forthcoming resurrection from the dead.
 - IV. ▸ Jesus' view of the O.T. was that it was inspired, was God's very *words*. He always quoted it as if it were *the* authority, was true in the ordinary sense of "true." Not once did He criticize it!
 - V. ▸ Jesus gave particular promises to some of His disciples that, after He went away, He would send the Holy Spirit to them. And for these particular men, the Holy Spirit would do a couple of particular things: (1) "He would lead and guide them into all truth," [and] "He would bring to their remembrance 'everything whatsoever I [Jesus] have said unto you.'"