

PREPARED – PART 2: WHAT? WHO? WHY?

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Followers of Jesus should be prepared to explain what we believe and why. After all, what we believe shapes the decisions we make and the hope we have. Followers of Jesus believe he was the very Son of God sent to redeem sin and provide the path to right relationship with God. But what if the why was even more compelling than the what about the who?

READ MATTHEW 5:17-20

- Have you ever been asked a question or heard a comment about what you believe for which you felt unprepared?
- Do you know someone who doesn't believe what you believe about following Jesus? Why do they believe differently?
- How has what you believed about Jesus (and why) changed over time? What circumstances and people have influenced those changes?
- Have you encountered anything in the biblical narrative that seems to contradict what you believe about the world? Were you able to resolve that tension? How?
- Why do you think Jesus took the Old Testament seriously? How does Jesus taking the Old Testament seriously influence how seriously you take the Old Testament?
- Do you believe the accounts of Jesus' life are reliable? Why or why not?
- How would you describe the difference between the belief that the Gospels are reliable because they are in the Bible and the Gospels are in the Bible because they are reliable?
- How would you describe the difference between the foundation of what you believe being in an event (resurrection) rather than a book (Bible)?
- What would you say is the foundation of what you believe about Jesus?
- What next step will you take to always be prepared to give a reason for the hope you have?

THERE IS A WHY FOR THE WHAT & WHO