



1. Diligence in Faith

”Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.“

2 Timothy 2:15

”Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.“

Colossians 4:5-6

”But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed.“

1 Peter 3:15-16

The body of Christ should focus on apologetics, not apologies.

We should be concerned with defending the ministry and words of Jesus, not explaining “what He really meant”.

2. Intentionality of Jesus

Jesus crosses the Sea of Galilee with intentionality. They left the shore at night to arrive early in the morning.

Legion cast into pigs. Mark 5:1-20, Luke 8:26-39, Matthew 8:28-33

Why does Matthew claim ‘two demoniacs’ while Mark and Luke say ‘one demoniac’?

Those looking for “contradictions” in Scripture, commonly use one passage against another to prove that Scripture is flawed.

Understanding linguistics is crucial when *rightly dividing the word of truth*.

Two statements that may seem contradicting at first glance, will become cohesive when a deeper look is taken.

The moment Jesus sets His foot on the shore, the demoniac comes to Him.

Jesus was going to wage spiritual warfare.

He went to deliver just one or two people, then went straight back.

The Sea of Galilee is about 8 miles wide.

It takes 1-2 hours to cross if there is wind, and longer if there is no wind and rowing is required. Herding pigs indicate a gentile territory.

Jesus ended idol worship and sent a strong signal to the principalities in that region that the Kingdom of God had come.



One deliverance had massive impact on the region.

God is an intentional God. You may not understand His plan today but He is working it out.

3. Transformation and Redemption.

Leviticus 15:25-27 - Whoever touches an unclean woman is unclean until evening.

By healing the woman, Jesus declared, "Your uncleanliness does not make me unclean. Whatever comes in contact with Me, is cleansed."

Jairus' could've easily given up if he compared his need for a miracle with the miracles of others.

One woman bled for 12 years. One 12 year old girl was at the end of her life.

For one, 12 years of sickness coming to an end. For the other, 12 years of life coming to an end.

A woman's 12 year sickness came to an end at the expense of your 12 year old daughter.

V.35 - His servants told him, "Stop disturbing Jesus"

V.36 - Jesus replied, "Do not be afraid; only believe."

Doubt is not the opposite of faith.

Fear is the opposite of faith.

365 times in Scripture, God tells us: DO NOT FEAR.

One time per day of the year.

V.39 - The child is not dead, but sleeping.

Whatever has been dead in your life, whatever you thought was gone forever, it is not dead, it is asleep.

We were dead in our trespasses but made alive through Christ.