

"The Examined Faith"

A Topical Apologetic Study in the Gospel of John

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I. Introduction (John 20:24-31)

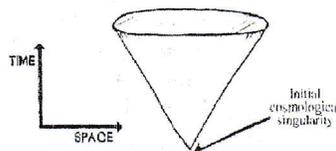
- A. Knowing what we believe
- B. Knowing why we believe
- C. Boldly sharing the what and why

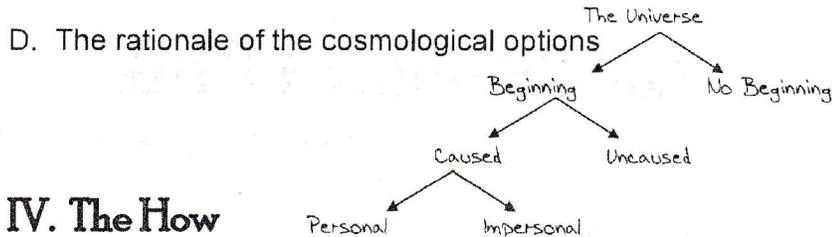
II. The What 101 (John 1:1-3, 14; 5:1-17)

- A. Christology 101
- B. Theology 101
- C. Cosmology 101

III. The Why 101 (John 1:4-13)

- A. The irrationality of nothing and not-knowing
- B. The cosmological argument
 - 1. Everything that has a beginning has a cause.
 - 2. The universe had a beginning.
 - 3. Therefore, the universe had a cause.
- C. The scientific evidence for the cosmological singularity.
 - 1. Entropy
 - 2. Expansion
 - 3. Echo
 - 4. Explosion





IV. The How

(John 6:37, 10:25-29, 15:16, 19)

- A. Faith
- B. Freedom
- C. Facets (Knowledge, Assent, Trust)

V. Conclusion: A Rational Trinitarian Scientific Faith

- A. Revelation
- B. Rationality
- C. Real-life
- D. Repentance

TRANSFORMED BY THE TRUTH

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL AND COMMUNITY GROUP REFLECTION

ICEBREAKER: What is the best advice someone has given you when you were facing a hardship? How did that advice get you through it?

1. In Sunday's message we began by looking at John's gospel and what it says in the prologue about Christ, God and the Cosmos. Reread John 1 and discuss this chapter says about Christology, theology and cosmology.
2. In the message, we examined some of the reasons we have for our faith and we addressed some of the common objections to it. Go over the reasons and objections we covered. Discuss them and other reasons/objections you share/encounter when sharing your faith.
3. Let's take the theological and philosophical together and make it practical to real life. How does the content of Sunday's sermon challenge you in the area of discipleship, like say in fighting temptation, dealing with discouragement and staying on mission with the gospel of Jesus Christ?