

PREPARED
Pt. 1 – “Hope On The Ropes”
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Defending your **FAITH**
without losing your **MIND**

People generally
don't take shots at **JESUS**

What to say when there's little
****TIME** and even less **INTEREST****

1 Peter 3:13-14 (NIV)

^[13] Who is going to harm you if you are eager to **do good**?

^[14] But even if you should **suffer** for what is **right**, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened."

1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

But in your hearts **set apart** Christ as **Lord**. Always be **prepared** to give an **answer** to everyone who asks you to give the **reason** for the **hope** that **you** have. But do this with gentleness and respect...

HOPE: RESURRECTION

1 Peter 1:3 (NIV)

In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living **hope** through the **resurrection** of Jesus Christ from the dead...

HOPE: RESURRECTION

1 Peter 1:21 (NIV)

Through him you believe in God, who **raised** him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and **hope** are in God.

1 Peter 3:15-16 (NIV)

^[15] But do this with **gentleness** and **respect**,

^[16] keeping a clear **conscience**, so that those who speak maliciously against your good **behavior** in Christ may be **ashamed** of their **slander**.

**People look for ways not to like you
because your behavior convicts them.**

**Selfless, generous, compassionate
living is UNASSAILABLE.**

Pliny the Younger
Governor of Bithynia
In a letter to Emperor Trajan

...the sum and substance of their fault or error had been that they were accustomed to meet on a fixed day before dawn and sing responsively a hymn to Christ as to a god.

And to bind themselves by oath, not to some crime, but not to commit fraud, theft, or adultery, not falsify their trust, nor to refuse to return a trust when called upon to do so.

When this was over, it was their custom to depart and to assemble again to partake of food – but ordinary and innocent food.

1 Peter 3:17 (NIV)

It is better, if it is God's will, to **suffer** for **doing good** than for **doing** evil.

1 Peter 3:18 (NIV)

For Christ **died** for sins once for all, the righteous for the **unrighteous**, to bring **you** to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit...

**Why have YOU chosen
to FOLLOW Jesus?**

THE RESURRECTION

1 Corinthians 15:14 (NIV)

And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

I believe Jesus died for my sins
and rose from the dead

But I don't believe it
because the Bible says so,
it's better than that...