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Defending your FAITH without losing your MIND

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

1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

Be prepared to defend your decision to follow Christ

Be <u>prepared</u> to defend your <u>hope</u> or confidence in Christ

THE RESURRECTION

I believe Jesus died for my sin and rose from the dead.
But I don't believe it because the Bible say so; it's better than that...

THE BIBLE

The infallible but seemingly indefensible foundation of our faith

Christians take the Old Testament seriously because **JESUS** did.

Matthew 5:17 (NIV)

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

What's more compelling?

I believe the story of Adam and Eve, because it's in the Bible. Matthew 19

I believe the story of Adam and Eve, because JESUS did.

Since JESUS took the Old Testament seriously,
I do too.
Yeah, there's some crazy stuff in there.

BIBLE = BOOKS

39 – 27 Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

The Gospels are considered reliable because of WHO wrote them and WHEN they were written

70 AD
The Jewish temple
in Jerusalem
was destroyed

There's no mention of the war against the Jews or the destruction of the Jewish temple in the New Testament

WHY?
It hadn't happened yet

Old Testament JESUS Matthew, Mark, Luke, John Peter, James and Paul

I believe Jesus died for my sin and rose from the dead.

But I don't believe it because the Bible says so... I believe it because Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Peter, James, and Paul said so.