

**Junior High - Sample Questions Case for Christ Student Edition - Lee Strobel**

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**Please note: Sample questions are to be used as a study guide.**

1. When the author, Lee Strobel, asks Dr. Ben Witherington about Jesus never claiming he was “God”, which could mean Jesus did not see himself as God. Explain how we see God now vs how the Jews viewed him in that time period. Why did Jesus speak to his disciples differently in private vs. public? (pg. 24)
2. Some claim Jesus was a great moral teacher, but he wasn’t God. How does the author counter this argument. (pg. 26)
3. According to the author, what was the most offensive claim Jesus makes during his time on earth? Why is it so offensive to the author? Provide biblical reference. (pg. 29)
4. What is the biggest difference between other religions and Christianity? What are some actions do other religions ask for in order to earn God’s favor? What 2 gifts Jesus offer? (pg. 30)
5. The Old Testament gives details about the God of the Bible that sketch out very specifically what he's like. What are 2 important qualities of God have to do with sin.. (pg.49)
6. How can two Gospels both be accurate if they give different accounts of the same event? Explain the argument of consistency and contradictions, and how two Gospels both be accurate if they gie different accounts of the same event. (pg. 54)
7. We know the 4 main gospels were written based off of eyewitness accounts. Along with Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, who wrote 2 letters in the New Testament? Provide biblical support your answer. (pg.55)
8. In Acts 2:22, what does Peter tell the people that made almost 3000 people convert to Christianity in one day? How does this support the idea that eyewitnesses were not infact lying? (pg.57)
9. According to Craig Bloomberg, what is the time gap between when Mark wrote his gospel and Jesus’ death? How does this support the claim the New Testament is in fact true? (pg. 59)
10. In Matthew 8:5-13 as well as Luke 7:1-10, there is the story when Jesus heals a Roman commander’s servant. State the 2 contradictions to this story, and a possible explanation to validate. (pg.58)
11. Matthew 1:1-16 and Luke 3:23-38 list Jesus’ genealogies. State the contradiction in the two gospels and the 2 possible explanations to validate. (pg. 58)
12. Paul was taught a creed, a statement of belief, that the Christian church was already using to declare it s belief in Christ’s resurrection. How do we know this?(pg.60)
13. How can we ensure that Paul was teaching the correct message and what was this message? How long after Jesus’ death was this message taught? What do experts state about this message being a Legend? (pg.60)
14. According to Lee Strobel, how many total copies exist of the New Testament? How many of these copies are Greek? How many are Latin? (pg.61)
15. When Lee Strobel started his Journey with Christ, he felt like there is something to the Bible. What was his ultimate conclusion about having a relationship with Christ? Explain his reaction. Was it possible that the Bible really is a revelation from God?
16. Archaeology, like most sciences, involves drawing conclusions from the evidence. How can two different people draw two different conclusions from the same evidence? Explain the example Lee Strobel uses to explain this phenomenon.
17. In Luke 3:1, Luke refers to Lysanias as tetrarch. What is a tetrarch? (pg.71)
18. Lee Strobel states that he wrote to the Smithsonian Institute and asked whether any evidence supported the claims of Mormonism and the Book of Mormon. What was their response? (pg 71)
19. What are 4 reasons provided by the Smithsonian Institute that claim there’s no direct connection between the Book of Mormons and the archaeology of the new world? (pg 71)
20. Who is Sir William Ramsay? How long did he been studying archaeological diggings? What was he trying to disprove? He discovered what he was trying to disprove actually supports his finding. What conclusion did he come to? Did Archaeological evidence prove that Jesus is God? What does it do?
21. In the gospel of Luke, when Jesus was praying in the garden of gethsemane he writes “his sweat was like drops of blood” (Luke 22:44). State the medical condition, and explain how this is physically possible. (pg.

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22. In Singapore, a form of torture they use is called “caning”. Explain this form of torture. What is the equivalent form of caning in Roman times? Explain this process. (pg 84)
23. What is the term used to refer to a death-row criminal on the way to the execution chamber?
24. When Jesus was crucified, explain why the Romans drove the spike into the wrist instead of the hand. (pg 86)
25. What does the word “excruciating mean? What word does it derive from? (pg 87)
26. Who are the most likely suspects that could have stolen Christ’s body?
27. What are two crucial considerations in any given crime? Suppose the disciples had motive to steal Jesus’ body. What does the Gospel tell us about their current state after Jesus’ death? What would be their motive to steal Jesus’ body? (pg 92)
28. Some conclude that the disciples didn’t have sufficient motive or opportunity to steal Jesus’ body, having suggested that the Roan officials or the Jewish leaders smuggled the body out secretly. List the motive and opportunity as well as any challenges Lee Strobel considers. (pg 97)
29. We rely on what archaeologists have uncovered about first-century tombs. According to archeologists, how did Jesus’ grave look like? (pg. 94)
30. How do the Roman soldiers “seal” Jesus’ tomb? How to they ensure no one can remove the seal? (pg 95)
31. Jesus said he would be buried and rise again in 3 days. Some people don’t believe he was in the tomb for three days because he was crucified on Friday and rose on Sunday. What are the 3 claims critics make and how they support their argument? (pg. 97)
32. In 1 Corinthians 15:3-6, Paul reports the sighting witnessed by the greatest number of people at one time. What are the 3 appearances of Jesus that are mentioned in this specific passage? What is so significant about this passage? Why? (pg 101)
33. According to Lee Strobel, how many times did Jesus appear to after his resurrection? List them. (pg 103)