

# Jesus Among Other Faiths #7 (Atheism)

## Introduction to Atheism

In the 1<sup>st</sup> century, Christians were called \_\_\_\_\_ by the Romans.

Christians reject all the gods of this world and worship the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ God perfectly revealed to humanity in Jesus the Messiah.

Atheists do not believe that God \_\_\_\_\_.

## Weakness in Atheism

An absence of an objective \_\_\_\_\_ compass

An absence of meaning and \_\_\_\_\_ in life

An absence of a \_\_\_\_\_ of the divine

## What do atheists believe about Jesus?

A small minority believes that he was not a \_\_\_\_\_ person.

The majority believes that he was a historical person, a religious leader and teacher, but not \_\_\_\_\_ – not the Son of God.

## What do atheists think about the Christian view of Jesus?

Christians believe Jesus is divine because of the \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1 Corinthians 15:12-20)

What evidence is there for the resurrection?

What are the implications of the resurrection?

## How can we demonstrate the love of Jesus to atheists?

1- Engage the \_\_\_\_\_.

2- Engage the \_\_\_\_\_.

3- Live out a \_\_\_\_\_ faith before them.

## Small-Group Curriculum

### Getting Started:

- (1) Did you ever have a time in your life when you were an atheist or wanted to believe that God didn't exist? Why were you attracted to atheism as a worldview?

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- (2) Do you know anyone in your circle of family and friends who is a committed atheist? Have you talked them about their nonbelief in God's existence? What have they said about it?

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### Getting Deep:

- (1) Read Psalm 10:1-18. According to this Psalm, why are human beings tempted to believe that God doesn't exist? Why is it foolish (ultimately) to reject God's existence?

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- (2) Read Romans 1:18-25. According to Paul, no one is a *functional atheist*. In other words, we all worship something or someone. In America today, what idols do you think we are most likely to worship?

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- (3) Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-11. What are the *core historical events* at the center of the Christian faith? What is the essence of the *message* that we preach based on those events?

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(4) Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-20. What are the consequences for us if Jesus did not rise from the dead? What evidence most convinces you that the resurrection of Jesus actually happened in history?

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**Getting Real:**

(1) What *rational evidence* do you find to be the most compelling reason for God's existence? If you were given the opportunity to talk to an atheist about God, how would you use that evidence?

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(2) What *personal evidence* do you find to be the most compelling reason for God's existence (based on your experience of God)? How could use your testimony to point an atheist to God?

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(3) CS Lewis wrote that Jesus was either Lord, a Liar, or a Lunatic. Yet many people today seem to put Jesus into a "good teacher" category. How can we help people get off the fence in their view of Jesus and actually take a position on his claims?

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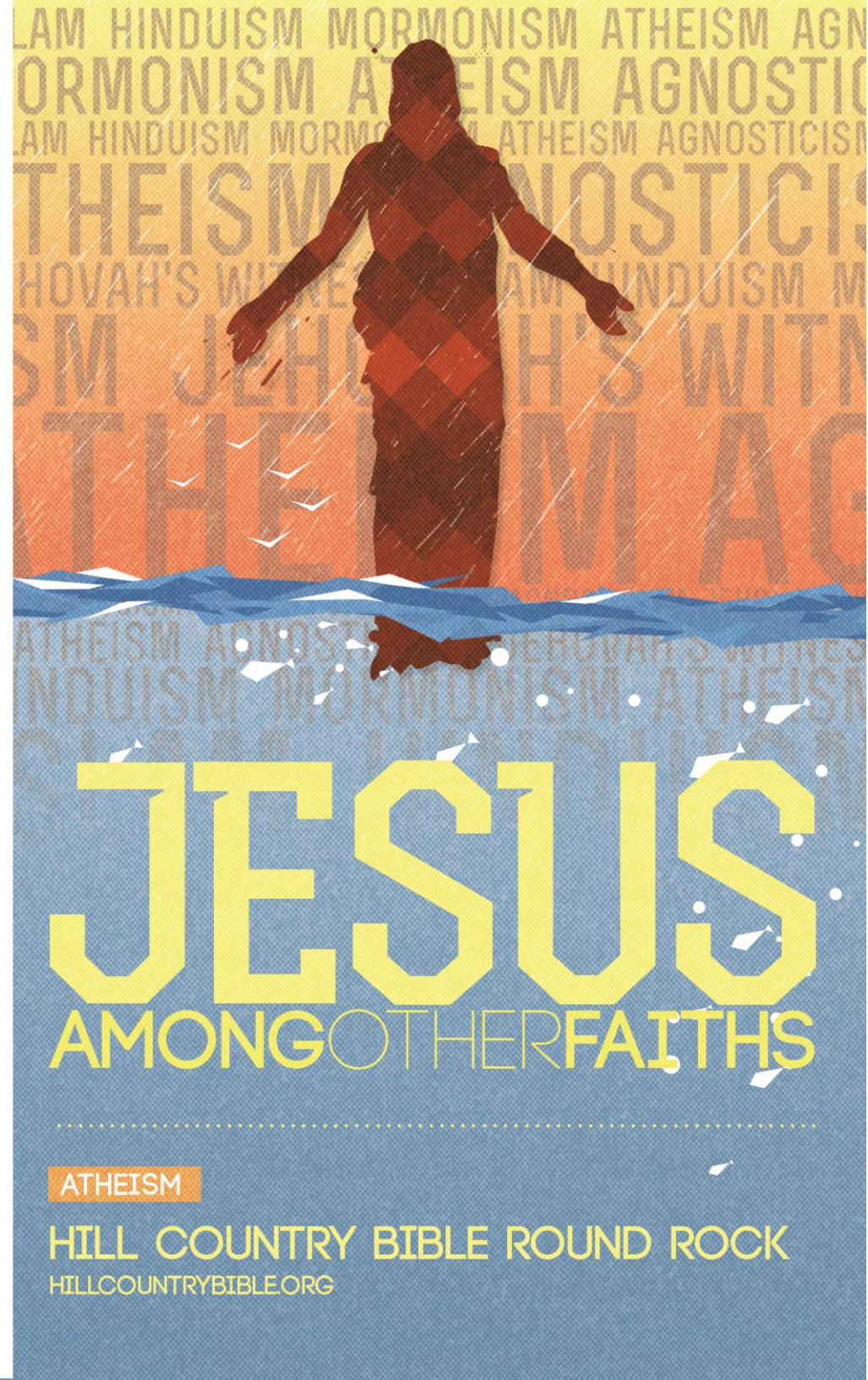
(4) As you look back over the last seven weeks in this series on other religions, what is your biggest takeaway? How can you be better prepared in the future to love people from other religions?

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