

## Apologetics -2.2- Framing the Truth pt 2 Transcription

This is defending the faith. We're trying to teach you how to defend the faith and know why you believe what you believe. It's extremely important. You know God's word is inspired. If you go the Koran and other writings you'll find that they have errors them. But the word of God doesn't have any errors; in fact we're going to be able to prove in the next couple of weeks, scientifically, that the Bible is inspired. We'll be able to prove historically that Jesus rose from the dead and that He is God. And so make sure that you stay tuned to today's program because what we're doing is called "role playing". We're going to be talking with some other people and they are acting as if they are from a cult which believes the Bible is inspired but it won't accept that Jesus is God. And so today, we're going to talk about today how we get to the place to draw them to the conclusion showing them in their own beliefs that Jesus is truly is God. And that is what is the key the core belief of your Christian faith. So ok, we've been talking for the last few minutes and you all have come into my home and you're now talking to me about the Christian faith but you're talking about your Jehovah's Witness faith and how you do believe that this Bible is inspired. Now for those of you who are in this class, let me just tell you, the next thing that we're going to do is, uh I'm pretty much going to try and establish a repoire. I begin in ignorance as if I've just kind of heard Bible verses before. I remember coming across a Bible verse before once, in other words I'm trying not to quote it first so rapidly that you know that I go, "Is it true that Ex Ne helo in the Greek it says that God... if you do that, I'm telling you then, they've already been taught, that if it looks like the person knows the Word of God and they're clearly protestant, get out of the house. So it's really a critical thing that as we're talking, I'm kind of fascinated so you

guys believe this, but do you really believe all this stuff about Jesus and everything else? Now you're going to agree with me because you have no idea what I am saying so you believe about Jesus and everything else. Umm, coz I remember when I went to Sunday school as a kid and everything else talking about Jesus, that He did miracles and stuff. And so that's in the Bible too and you believe all that stuff? That's, your religion? You believe s all that? That's really cool? Yeh, one of things though I remember once, so is, that I should worship Him because He is God right? He's the only God? Well no, Jesus isn't God, Jehovah is God. So is that kind of something that people have written and made up and that isn't really in the Bible? No, I think you have to understand that Jehovah is God and Jesus is His son. Ok, so he's the son of God. So he's not actually God? No, he's not. Yeh because I remember once I um we're doing like a Christmas play once. I was in a Christmas play, and there was a thing where he was actually being worshipped by the wise men and all that kind of stuff and so he's only being worshipped as the son of god? Right. But the Bible says that he is the word and that he is God and that he made the world so did he make the world as the son of God and not as the creator Jehovah God? Well, he didn't really make the world; they came and worshipped him because it was kind of a big deal that it was a virgin birth. Oh ok. It was kind of odd. Yeah. Did he ever claim to be God? No. No. Only Jehovah. Because it says in Matthew that uh, my name is Jehovah and I am the creator of all the heavens and the earth. It doesn't mention Jesus. Oh, ok. It was really just because of Mary was kind of popular and it was a virgin birth. So, that's really why they were worshipping him. Oh, so he's not God? I'm just trying to remember because, Maria didn't we go to Bible study once, we went to like this church, that Jesus was claiming, that He said He was God and

that's why they wanted to stone him or something. I mean, didn't he like John 8 something and that's usually when I kind of carelessly pick up the Bible and I just go it's like John 8 or something. But it was really kind of a cool passage or something, but why were they always trying to kill Jesus. What I do at this moment is kind of distract them, what I'm interested in is that they were going to kill Jesus, I'm going to just distract them off the theological point to that was kind of a mean thing to want to kill a guy all the time. How come everyone was so mad at Jesus all the time? Because they felt threatened by him and he was God's son and was always telling about his father. Yeh, because I remember when we'd come over here that's the verse we came across the other night, it says, "I tell you the truth before everyone was born, I Am and they picked up stones to kill him." Why did he say that I am? I mean instead of I was? I was there with Abraham? I mean what is I am? Well I guess he means that I am here with you right now. Yeah, that he was there right there at that present moment and at that time. You know I notice in the footnote of the Bible it says, that like I am means, it's like the name of God. No, he's just there to represent that he is the son of God. Oh I see so it doesn't mean that it's his name, because in that footnote it's like Exodus Ch. 3 it says that um, man I gotta it's hard to get around this book, so it's over here in Exodus 3 but it says, God says that "I am" and that's my name and that's what Jesus said. Do you think that's why they tried to stone him? I mean that seems like the reason they wanted to stone him because he said that he was God. It was because he said...No but he actually said "I am". He said I am God. He said I am that I am and then they wanted to stone him and then over here, God said nobody can use the word "I am" but me. Once again, he was just representing that he was the son and you know....But he doesn't say "I'm the son" and

this is really confusing me for a long time. I was really glad when you guys came in. But that is extremely important. That as you're getting to this place and they are like back pedaling and repeating the same thing because they don't know what else to say. You gotta say, well I gotta tell you the truth, I've wanted to talk about this for the longest time, I'm really glad you're here. What you do is you're disarming them. And that's extremely important, you don't want to harm them, you don't want to make them frightened, you don't want to, what you're really doing is, you're bringing up verses that clearly are stating Jesus said that I'm the great I am. And you, you know at that point, what I usually say well I'll tell you, maybe you can help me out on this. Those phrases are extremely important; maybe you can help me out on this. Instead of "ha" let me show you something- Isaiah 43:10. Right then is when they start saying well you know it's been a long day and we need- well what you need to do at that point just say well then you can help me out on this. Why doesn't Isaiah 43:10 cause y'all are witnesses right? Y'all are holy witnesses? It talks about being a witness there and like him across that passage it says really clearly you know you're my witnesses that I am the only savior and there are no other gods. Cause by now you might have said well he was a little god there would have been more other things. And it says there were no other gods I mean I thought I was supposed to believe this book. Now this is the part, where you genuinely have to say I thought you said I should believe this book. At that point they go you should you're just misunderstanding it and I say but it says in Isaiah 43 that He is the only God and I know when we do that Christmas story, Jesus is called the savior. And it says there that witnesses call Jesus the savior. So if Jesus is the savior and God is the savior there's a mathematical phrase things equal to the same or equal to each other, if

Jesus is savior and Jehovah says he is savior then that means Jesus is Jehovah. Well, now did y'all follow that? I just threw that in real quickly, but if you'll repeat that five hundred times. Now what's really pressing and they are going to come back with something you know and you have to listen to what they say yeah but what's frustrating is if Jesus said he was the savior and Jehovah said he is the savior, then was Jesus a liar? Now I act like that just struck me, all of a sudden and it dawned on me, then is Jesus lying? What you have just done is you when they glance around their verses they're stuck. They're going to say no no Jesus wasn't a liar you're just misunderstanding what he means by being a savior. And that is when I go to Isaiah 43 that is why you got to almost memorize this verse so you'll go but he says in Isaiah; God says there are no other saviors, now is Jesus is the savior or not? They go well he does some saving no its called the savior see I am glad you guys are here cause this is frustrating you have to keep a phrase going like this, I am so glad y'all are here tonight man this frustrating me what your really doing is you're not wearing down their defenses to win your argument you're wearing down their defenses in believing what they're believing. Does that make sense? You're here to biblically put doubt in their mind about a lie. They need to doubt the lie they have believed. Are y'all following that? It is as clear as a bell. And so are you at that point. So let's say now at this point okay? But if that one person asks, every time you do that Christmas play, do you guys do Christmas plays at your church? So if Jesus says he is savior and God says there is only one savior and y'all say that he is a little god and God says well there are no little gods. This is what always confuses me about religion. Now the reason I toss that word in there because it is a generic word that shows that I am not a student that much. And that gives them a little relief that can continue winning this

argument. Though what you're going to do is all you're doing is keeping them long enough to continue to redundantly repeat these points. So what's the deal? Is he savior or not? "Well he died to save us- he is the savior and um but he is not God he's the son of God." But if he's the savior and then Isaiah says that only Jehovah is the savior, how can there be two saviors? "You know uh once again he did die and he did save some people" But how did he save them? "Because he died on the cross." But how did a savior do it? "He ransomed for our souls." How did he ransom our souls? "Well the blood was shed uh um saved us." So why did his blood save us? "Well cause God's told him to do that." So he's the son of God but he is also a little god? "Well a little god." But then God said there were no little gods. So is like Alex said is the Old Testament wrong and the New Testament right? What really happens is they start fudging I mean they realize that they have to fake it at this point. So you have really finished your discussion with them. And once you go back and what you say is I really believe it and by the way they probably won't say that Jesus paid for sins cause that means they would have to deal with the atonement and they have to deal with deity of Christ and the fact that he had to be sinless and all kinds of problems but that's what you guys did by the way a fantastic job, that was brilliant. You guys are a great team man, you guys ought to go one on one, no but the way they kept falling back the son of God that's what they do, the way that they just fall back the son of God. Oh well he's the savior. You can't let people get away with that. What do you mean? You know, did you shoot the teller at the bank? Well, I mean I fired a few shots at the bank. At who? Well I don't know. Well wait a minute. Only one person shot at the bank. Was that you? Well, I don't know. I mean, you can't let them keep escaping. You must to continue to use Daniel's method of doing tactfully.

You don't want to ever condemn them. You say , I'm really glad you're here, but I gotta tell you the truth, this is still frustrating. What I've seen the Lord do in those instances, well they say, well what do you believe? They'll come back, Tony Hildebrand said that to me, uh, wasn't that Tony or his wife? Well so what do you believe? I look them straight in the eyes and say, I believe in the Bible when it said, God came to earth and gave his life so we could live. And He paid for my sins. I'm going to heaven, and I'm not going to Hell and do you know that for sure for yourself? Well I think so.... Well if you think so, then you're lost. Only until you know so. And immediately they are at a yielding position. They had just come to a point, on then you obviously have... then I just simply say, I believe Jesus died for our sins, I believe that He's God and the Bible says that He is and that's why He's powerful enough to forgive me for my sins and I'm going to Heaven and I'm not going to Hell any more and what about you? And it just startles them, they're not used to talking openly like that, they've learned the rhetoric of verses and they are lost outside it, they say, well the Greek says... I mean I have got to tell you, in 10 seconds, the founder of the Jehovah's Witnesses used to say he knew the Greek alphabet, that he knew the Greek and that he was fluent in Greek. He was taken to court twice and the court records still exist in Pennsylvania, I believe it was, but he was take to court twice for fraud, for selling miracle wheat and whatever else, and he turned out to be a fraud and he was shown \_\_\_\_ and all the guy the prosecutor said was we will start prosecuting if you just tell me what these two Greek letters are, you don't even have to expound the Greek passage. If he couldn't identify Alpha and Beta so this is a guy, a fraudulent who established an organization based upon the concept of knowing the Greek and yet they have rewritten the New Testament and the Old Testament about 75 times.

They have altered verses and removed entire Greek passages cause it doesn't fit in their theology. So, have a confidence as a believer the word of God is still the same today as it was you know 3,000 years ago or 4,000 years ago. We have 30,000 manuscripts and we know that the word is true. So memorize those four passages- my challenge to you this week, is have fun with your spouse, with a friend, with a daughter or with a you know an uncle, best friend and get on the phone and you know talk through the verses. The very first verse is John 8:58- okay y'all know that? Say it twice with me. Say John 8: 58, one more time, John 8:58 and you're going to find in your cheat notes, that takes you to the Old Testament. Cause in John 8:58 Jesus calls Himself the "I AM", say that with me- I AM. And you go to the Old Testament where Jehovah does call Himself the "I AM". So if Jehovah is calling Himself the "I AM" and Jesus is calling Himself the "I AM", things equal to the same thing, are equal to each other- Jesus is calling Himself who? Jehovah. Y'all with me? No escaping it and they escape into the okay He's a god but He's still a little God. Zip the next verse which is Isaiah 43:10. God said "There are no other gods" don't use that one, I mean God knew ahead of time that the JWs and all these cults were going to do that. So God says let me make sure that nobody misunderstands me, let's see there are no gods before me, and uh let's see there are no gods after me and there are uh no gods now, which means there are hmmm no gods. You know what I am saying? I mean how much clearer could it be? And at that point their stuck and then you hit them with the savior. And Jehovah says I am the only savior and you take them back to the New Testament the same man you introduced to in the first verse. Whose name is Jesus, who is a little baby, and He's called the savior. Now do y'all know what the word Jesus means? Just for fun, it- "Ye" from Jesus the je part comes from the Hebrew word

Yahweh or Jehovah and it means obviously Jehovah God; and the “sus” I know some of you know what this means. What does the “sus” mean? SUS it’s translation- to save. His name means Jehovah saves. I’ve had people who walk up to me and say “Well how come it says who we called Immanuel?” Is that a mistake cause they didn’t name Him Immanuel? Well actually Immanuel is a qualification it is an identity. I-man-uel, do you know what that means? Always, let me tell you so you know a little Hebrew tonight, what does the word elohim mean? God. Say it with me- el-o-him is God. El-o-him is God, it is one of the names of God. It is a general name. So when you see Samuel, anybody have a relative named Samuel? It’s part of that name. It comes from the word God it means something of God. SAM-U-EL. All these “el” names that’s where you get them, is that the name of God is inside their name. Immanuel means God has come to be with us. Now think about it. A little God? No. God the one true God has come to dwell amongst us. That’s what Jesus’ name is used in that statement. So the Bible even gave a name to identify Him as, to qualify who He was, as a job description. God came to earth. Ok, so now we understand, we got the four sided frame. Does anybody want to come up here and just for grins give me the four passages and just the key element of each passage? You want to do that? Ok, I promised that I wouldn’t call on anybody. Yes, you may glance at your notes. We’re going to do the cliff notes version here. The first one is John 8:58. That is where Jesus said before Abraham was, “I AM” and then they tried to stone him. The name “I Am” references the Old Testament in Exodus. And where do you find that? Exodus 3:13. And that when Moses said what is your name, God in the burning bush said, “I Am”. He said that the name of God is “I Am”. Jesus used the name that God used himself, “I Am”. That brings us to the next verse Isaiah Chapter

43:10 & 11. When God said before me there was no other gods and after me there is no other god so there are no other gods. There isn't any little gods or big gods, there is only one God. Jesus didn't claim to be "a god", he claimed to "the God" because there is only one. And that brings us to our closing frame, Isaiah mentions there is a Savior, and in Mathew Chapter 1:21 & 23, that's where an angel is telling Mary what to name her son and his name will be Jesus for he will save his people from their sins, he is the Savior. Jesus and Jehovah are both Saviors, and since there is not more than one savior. Jesus has to be Jehovah. Heh! Great Job! Now did you all see how that works? You know the thing is that, I'll share something with you, which is one of the ironies of learning the defense of the faith, you won't literally save anyone. God does the saving. God is sovereign. He moves upon the heart and it is the spirit of God and it is by faith that a person is saved. But we also know that Satan is skilled at convincing people of lies. I have watched people believe lies that were the most outrageous, unbelievable, outlandish lies; and thinking you got to be kidding me. And people believe lies, I mean they all do, I mean why do people watch Ricky Lake and Jerry Springer? They love to see people screaming, yelling, and lying. I mean it's a weird world we are living in. But Satan is very good at making people believe in lies. The job of the believer is to tell the truth, the job of the truth; whose name is Jesus is to save. Does that make sense? You know you can't make a person eat but you can give them a piece of bread. And so what we're doing in apologetics is we're giving them the truth, so that they know- okay I've seen it clearly- and I'm telling you, cult members meet Christ everyday, by this four sided method. They meet Christ every single day. Now next week what we are going to talk about is prophecy. How prophecy literally, mathematically proves the Bible. Now, why are we

going to do that? We are going to be doing that because not everybody is going to say when they walk in your house, not everybody is going to say “yeah I think that’s inspired.” You are going to have most people say “Well yeah that’s a good book, but you know whatever it is...” You know there aren’t a huge number of people in America today who believe the Bible is inspired; they don’t even know what that means. But they are going to say yeah we think it’s inspired. But for the person who doesn’t believe it’s inspired, how do you show them that this book is inspired? How do you do it? The only way you can really do it is if you show him prophecy which is not self full-filling prophecy. Now for those of you who are watching if I were to say the right side of my face will soon sting. That was a prophecy, it came true but it is called a self full-filling prophecy. Okay? That is a self full-filling prophecy. But that was a self full-filling prophecy. A prophecy that’s a good prophecy is one that you can’t control its occurrence. But it happens exactly as you stated it would occur. We’re going to show to the day, to the hour virtually. Prophecy in the Old Testament which talks about Jesus Christ and how Jesus fulfills it to the minute; and how He fulfills genealogies, and He fulfills things which physically are impossible and it was not written by Christians; big part of the elements of the prophecy fulfilled are written by non-believers, who are gentiles. We are talking about the fact that there are two texts which exist to this day, which have a date on them, actually a prophetic date, of the coming of Jesus. The first time and they were written in a far away land and they were put into Cuneiform tablets and we have a copy of them at the British museum in this day as well as one which is a secondary copy, which is in the Middle East. So we actually have physical copies of a contract that was written on this specific date which began a time clock, which started the coming of Jesus

and exactly to the day it was fulfilled. So we are going to do that next week, which I think is extremely exciting, very important and I think it's important we understand we can mathematically prove that Jesus Christ is God and that He came as prophesied and no other book in the world can do that. If you are watching today, if you come from Islamic background, let me just tell you the love of Jesus is there for you. And if you need to know for sure that He is the Way, the Truth, the Life we're going to show you next week, how we mathematically prove, how science proves that Jesus Christ is the only way, the only one you should follow. And so no matter what background you come from make sure you're here next week. By the way many of you who are watching also come from a background where you pray to saints you may even pray to Mary, and believe that Mary also like Jesus was sinless and that she is the queen of heaven. Now I want to let you know for our part we love you dearly, but we want you though to know the truth and the power of prayer. You see you can't have power in your prayer unless your prayer is directed to the right source. In English we have words which are called prepositions, what we need to do, what we know God is we pray by the power of His spirit through Jesus Christ to God the father. Let me repeat that one more time. So you see how it works. Proper prayer is when the Holy Spirit is you're literally you want the spirit of God to touch your heart to convince you of sin and to deal with issues so that you're praying by the power of the Holy Spirit through Jesus, who is the mediator, remember there is only one mediator, to God the father. By, through, to, and that's proper prayer. And so for those of you who pray through saints or perhaps you pray even to idols, you may be part of a religion that prays using all kinds of divinities. Let me share something with you, you'll never have true power in your prayer life to overcome the challenges you have

until you have learned how to pray properly. And today we wanted to encourage you about Jesus Christ because that's where the power is- it is by communicating through Jesus Christ to God the father. There is one God but He has three personages. But I know that some of you have wondered about that and I just wanted to share with you quickly. How can God be one because many of you feel that Christianity is polytheistic or has many gods because we believe in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. I am going to give you in just the last two minutes here an example of how God is one even though He has three names. I am the daddy- the father of a little boy named Gideon, I am the husband of a woman named Maria, and I am the son of a man named Doctor Spencer. So I am both a son, a father, and a husband. But it doesn't make me schizophrenic, it doesn't make me three people I am really one person. But I have three personalities that deal with different issues, differently. And if you think also about water, h<sub>2</sub>O, water can come in the liquid form; it can come in a gas like a cloud, or come in a solid form like an ice. So I drink a glass of water on a cloudy day with a piece of ice in the water, the water is in three forms yet it's only one water. Does that make sense? And so for those of you today who may be having challenges on how God can be three names and yet be one. We worship as Christians one God, He is the one true God, He is the almighty God. But by the personality and the power of the spirit we pray through the son to talk to the father. And that's where you are going to be able to find power in your prayer today. And that is extremely important, so after this program today I am going to pray a prayer right now and pray this in your heart say "Dear Father I know that I have sinned and I know my sin will keep me from heaven. Please hear this prayer, I believe Jesus Christ died for my sins, I believe He raised from the dead, and I believe today He has washed my sin away, and I

am now His child. Thank you Father for saving my soul, for eternity I am now your child. In Jesus name Amen.” And if you prayed that prayer eternity has changed for you. God bless you, come back next week and learn some exciting prophecies about Jesus and the day He was going to come. And I know you’ll know this is the only truth. God bless you till next time.