

Christianity in One Hour!

As the angel said to the shepherds on the hillsides when Jesus was born, “Don’t be afraid.”

To get the best out of the next hour is a seeker’s attitude—a good attitude to God.

Most people know more about Christianity than they think:

- The founder— Jesus Christ
- The location —Israel somewhere
- He walked on water
- He died on a Roman cross
- Many people round the world are Christians

Most people know some Christians.

- They think Christians are peculiar—they were probably that way already.
- They think that Jesus is peculiar, but that is not reasonable.
- Most Christians are quite “normal.”
- Christians are caring.
- They go to a building called a church.
- Christians think Sunday is special.

Is that all there is to Christianity? No.

Let’s begin with the founder. Mark 1. Problems. John 1. Problems.

Christianity is about Jesus Christ. It is part of a continuing story that begins with Creation and ends with a stupendous event that man could never have dreamed up.

When I was faced with the complete message of Christianity I was shown the Bible . .

There were problems: What is it? Explain

Can we trust it? Explain

Does it have authority? Explain

People query and criticise the Bible but they haven’t usually read it.

The Bible’s message starts at the very beginning. . .

Who is Jesus?

The Saviour of the world.

Sent from God: He entered the world by a miracle and left by a miracle.

He was human: he wept, got tired, was hungry, frustrated, hints of humour, enjoyed a good party, liked people, got afraid.

He was God-like: He never did anything bad, he operated powerful events (miracles), could rule the weather, fix diseases, raised several people from the dead, and rose from the dead himself.

He had a number of purposes:

To save the world from its evil.

To show God to us.
To love us and win our freewill allegiance.
To save us from hell and give us eternal life.

How did he do this?
He willingly died in our place.

How do we know this is true?
He rose from the dead?

How do we know that?
There were witnesses.

How do we know that their testimony is true?
There were many witnesses.

Jesus Christ has changed hearts, healed society, and captured the allegiance of one third of the world's people.

Explain the chart.
End with John 3:16