

**Thinking Like Jesus:
The Ultimate in Critical Thinking**

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Class Overview

The apologetics I am offering is not about thinking about various facts but learning to think differently. How one thinks effects everything. The purpose of this class is to challenge people to think more deeply about the presuppositions that control their thought processes.

Here is the proposition: Everything that exists is proof of the existence of the biblical God.

What **thought processes allow or disallow** such a thought?

LIFE 2080.600, 8 Hours

Sundays 01:30PM-03:30PM, CCI 123, 03/05/23-03/26/23

Day 1 (Progress is estimated.)

Intro to Apologetics– A courtroom word meaning “To give a reasoned defense.”

1. Tree of Knowledge – Roots and Fruits
2. Worldviews – Centers of Gravity
3. Philosophical Big Picture
4. Definitions

Day 2

5. What is Faith?
6. Circular Reasoning – Begging the Question
7. Myth of Neutrality
8. Four Basic Rules of Reason
9. A Standard for Standards, The AICP Test
10. Defeaters

Days 3/4

11. The Supernatural – The Heart of the Matter
12. Three Basic Apologetic Approaches
 - a. Empirical – Evidential, Experience, What is Science?
 - b. Rational – Classical, more philosophical, reason, traditional arguments
 - c. Presuppositional – Revelational, transcendental, worldview analysis
 - i. The Presuppositional Argument
 - ii. The Transcendental Argument
13. Don't Answer/Answer Strategy – Apologetic Conversation

Divine Dilemmas

Quotes

Q&A Every day

