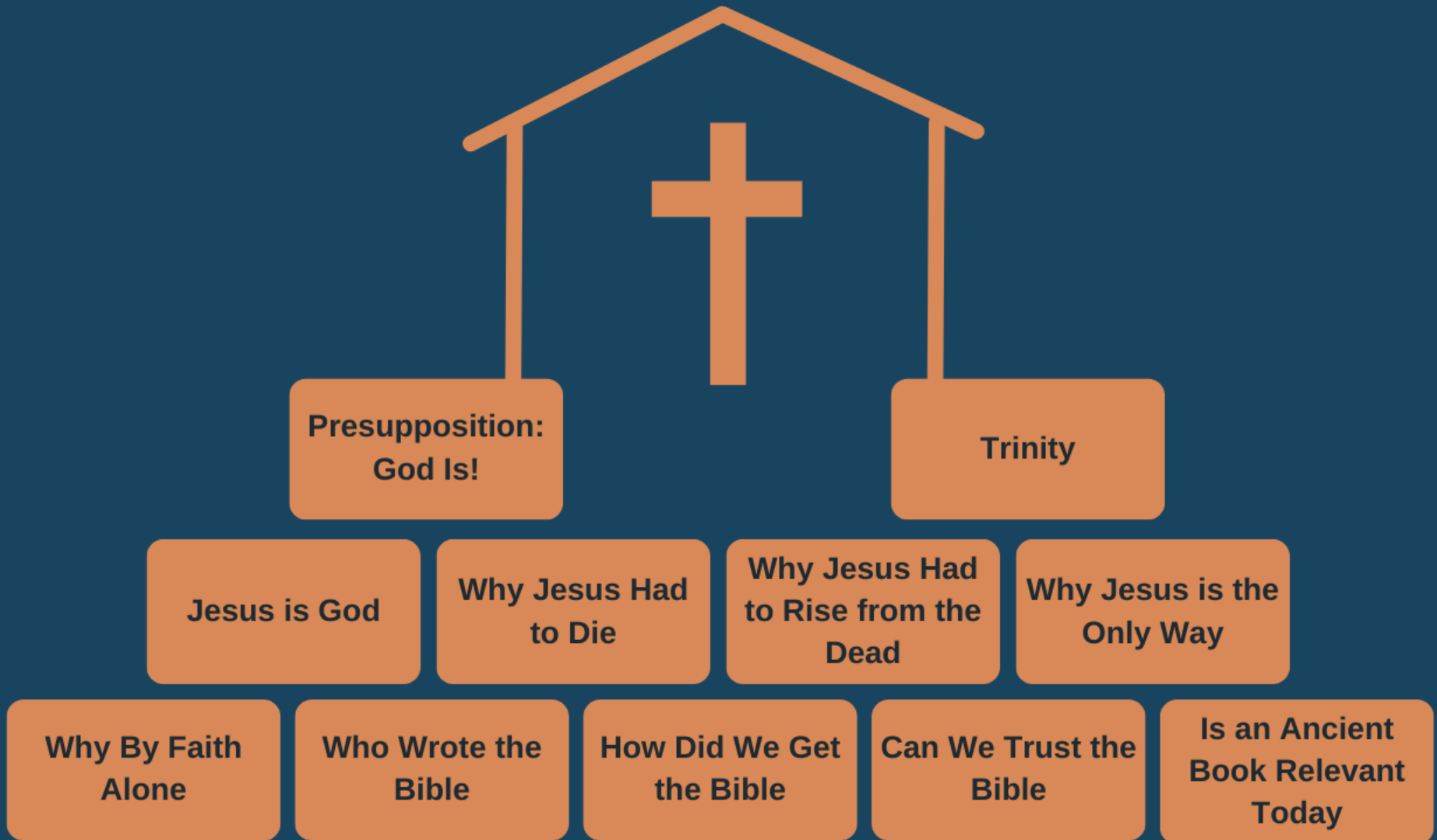


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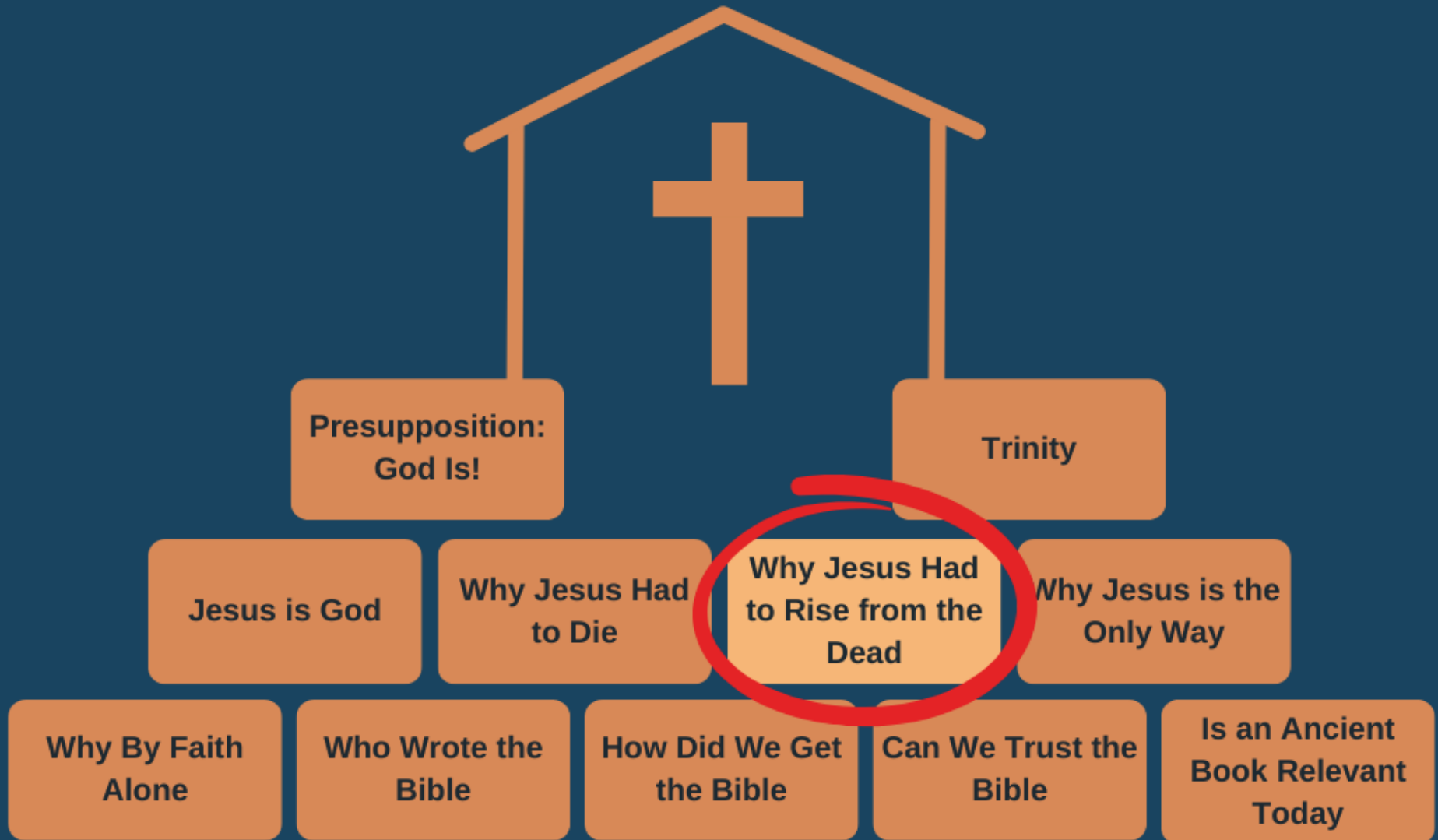
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# Why Did Jesus Have to Rise from the Dead?

“... Paul shows that everything stands or falls with Christ’s bodily resurrection” (Henry Thiessen, Lectures in Systematic Theology, pp. 89-90).



# 1 Corinthians 15:12-19



# If Jesus did not Rise:

- He was a liar (Matt. 20:19; 28:6).
- We would have no one to intercede for us or enable us.
- There is no Gospel (i.e., Good News)!
- Believers are fools!



Why Did Jesus  
Have to Rise  
from the Dead?

*We took a  
deeper dive*



# *First, Jesus Did Die:*

**Proof of John 19:34, “But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out”** (NASB).





*Second, the empty tomb witnesses  
to Jesus' resurrection:*

The apostle John gives his  
testimony of how he believed in  
the resurrection by considering  
the evidence of the empty tomb  
in **John 20:3-9**.



***Third, the New Testament includes eye witness accounts of Jesus' appearances after His resurrection:***

- **Mary Magdalene and other women**  
(Mt 28:8-10; Mk 16:9-10; Jn 20:11-18)
- **Peter** (Luke 24:34; 1 Cor 15:5)
- **Disciples on the road to Emmaus**  
(Mark 16:12; Luke 24:13-32)
- **Disciples in the Upper Room**  
(Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19-25)
- **Disciples the next Sunday**  
(Mk 16:14; Jn 20:26-29)
- **7 disciples by the Sea of Galilee** (Jn 21:1-24)
- **More than 500 brethren** (1 Cor 15:6-7)



***Fourth, the New Testament records that Jesus' resurrected body is a physical body:***

- **Recognizable (John 20:20)**
- **Crucifixion wounds still present (John 20:25-29; Rev 5:6)**
- **Ate food even though He did not need to eat (Luke 24:30-33, 41-43)**
- **Is not just a spirit because His body has flesh and bones (Luke 24:39-40)**
- **But Jesus' resurrection body allows Him to enter rooms without opening doors (Luke 24:36; John 20:19)**





If Jesus did not rise from the dead, **we have no hope.** Our lives are wasted. There is no Gospel. We are fools.



Based on the historical record of events provided by the Bible, **it is reasonable to believe** that Jesus did indeed die and rise from the dead.

# Jesus' Resurrection:

- Proves that He is God
- Proves that He is the Messiah
- Ensures our new birth (i.e., our regeneration)
- Ensures that the power that raised Jesus from the dead is the same power working in us
- Empowers believers to experience victory over sin
- Ensures our right relationship with God (i.e., our justification)
- Guarantees the resurrection of believers

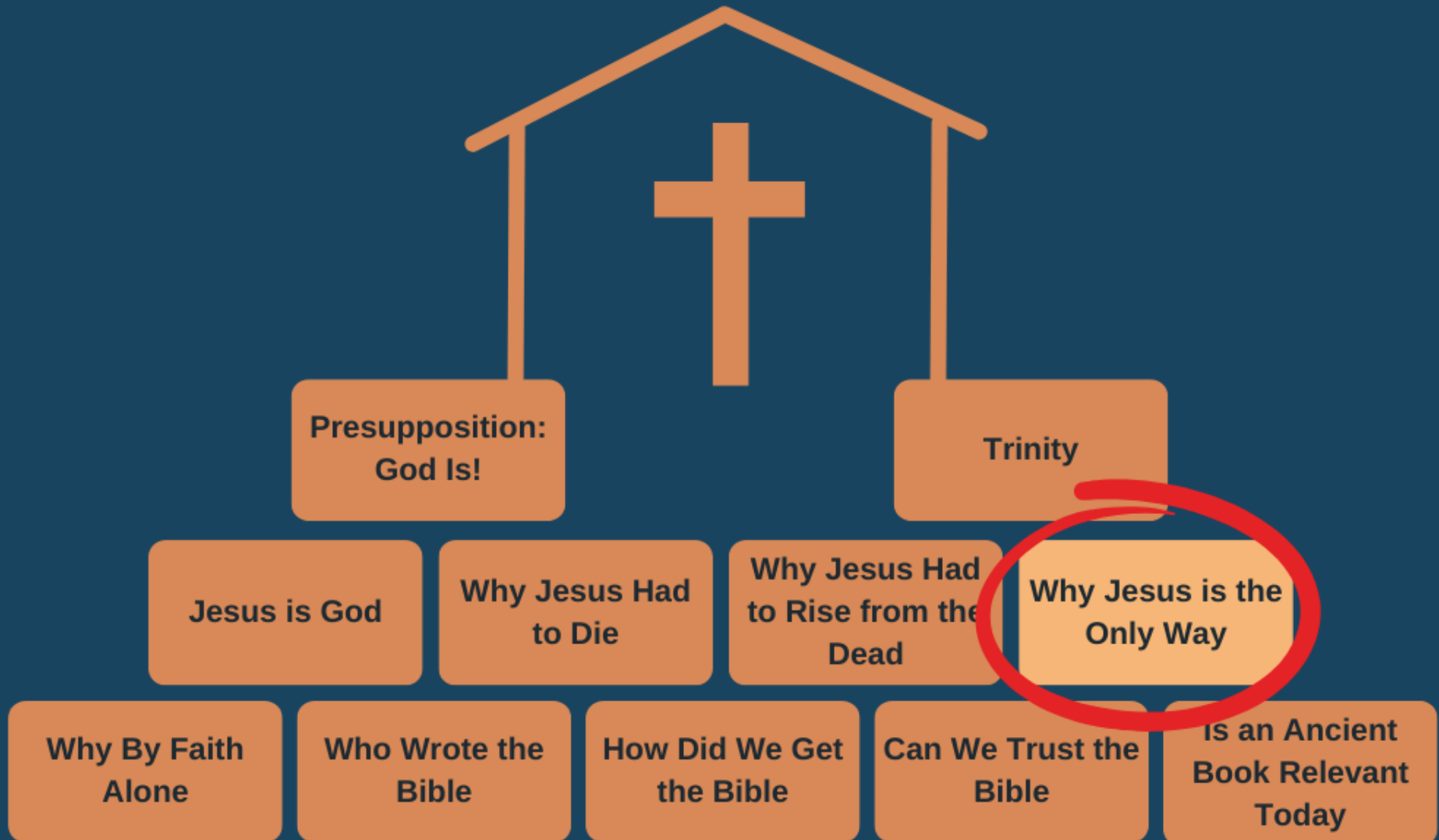


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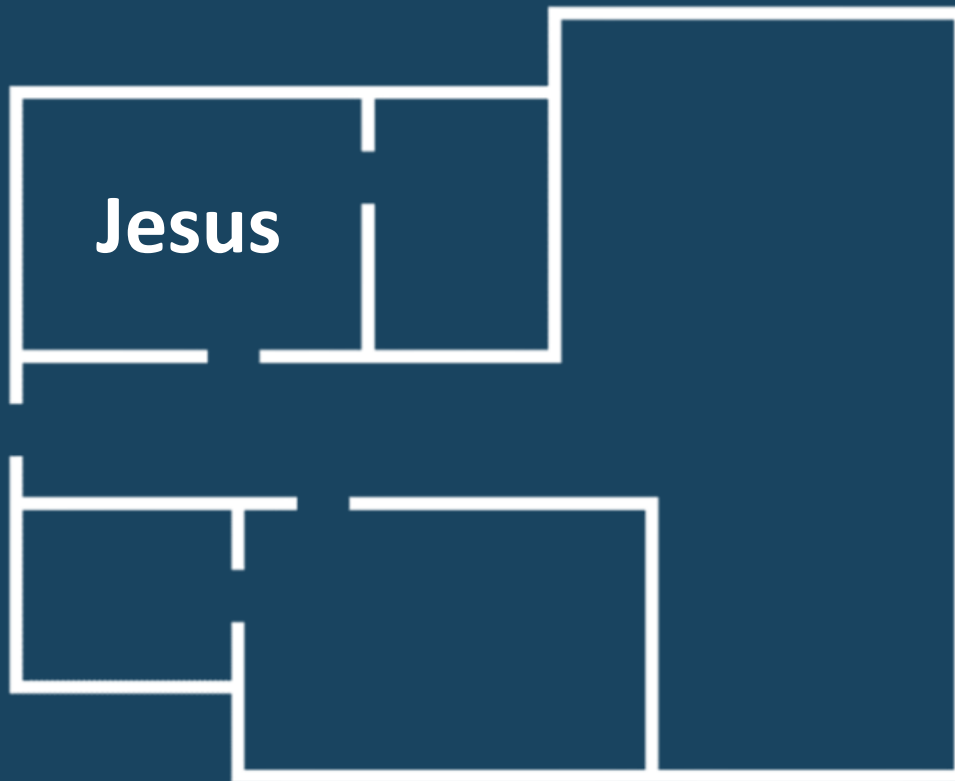


*My friend told me this when I explained the Gospel:*

**“I believe that Jesus is God, and that He died, and that He rose again. But I cannot accept that believing in Jesus is the only way a person can be right with God.”**



# The Jesus Room



## *Google: Why is it hard to say that there is only one correct way?*

**“It’s hard to say that there is only one correct way because most situations in life involve complexity, diverse perspectives, and context-dependent factors, making it difficult to definitively claim a single ‘right’ answer or approach without considering various nuances and potential interpretations.” – Gemini AI**



**Why** is believing  
in Jesus the  
Only Way to Be  
Right with God?





**Asking why Jesus is the only way ultimately brings us back to the question, “Who is God?”.**

**“The question is, which is the origin of which—God the origin of human beings or human beings the origin of the concept of God?”** (Sire, p. 82).



# TWO OPPOSING WORLDVIEWS

## Theistic Worldview

**God is the  
origin of  
human beings**

## Naturalistic Worldview

**Human  
beings are  
the origin of  
God**

# Built By Me

Today's culture says:

“I can build God the way I want God to be. I can add the features of God that I like, and I can remove the features of God that I do not like!”

## BUILT BY ME

BUILD YOUR OWN BURGER OR BOWL

### 1. SELECT YOUR BUN OR BOWL

Brioche Bun  
Wheat Bun  
Gluten Free Bun +\$1  
On Fresh Greens

### 2. PICK YOUR PROTEIN

Angus Beef  
All-Natural Chicken Breast  
Chicken Fingers  
Vegan Veggie  
Impossible™ Burger SINGLE +\$3.99 | DOUBLE +\$6.99

### 3. CHOOSE YOUR CHEESE

Cheddar | Pepper Jack  
American | Swiss | Blue Cheese

### 4. ADD YOUR TOPPINGS

Mixed Greens | Lettuce Blend | Tomatoes | Jalapeños  
Pepperoncinis | Red Onions | Pickles | Cucumbers  
Carrot Strings | Sautéed Red Peppers  
Sautéed Red Onions | Tortilla Strips | Pico De Gallo  
Applewood Smoked Bacon | Sautéed Mushrooms  
Guacamole | Fried Egg

### 5. SELECT YOUR SAUCE

BUILT™ Sauce | Garlic Aioli | Chipotle Aioli | Sriracha Aioli  
Hickory BBQ | Buttermilk Ranch | Dijon Balsamic  
Honey Mustard | Sweet Sriracha | Olive Oil & Vinegar  
Mayo | Mustard | Ketchup



**But** what if . . . ?



**What if** God is above me and I am not above Him? What if God is who He is and I cannot design Him the way I want Him to be? What if it is not up to me to decide how a person can be right with God?



**What if** God has  
revealed who He is  
and I keep pushing  
Him away?



## **Romans 1:19-20,**

**“because that which is know about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse” (NASB).**



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**It is Reasonable** to believe  
that God Is and that God  
has revealed Himself in  
Creation, in His Son (e.g.,  
Jn. 1:18, Col. 1:15, Heb. 1:2-  
3), and in the Scriptures!



**We Have Already  
Answered Why  
Believing in Jesus Is  
the Only Way to Be  
Right with God!**

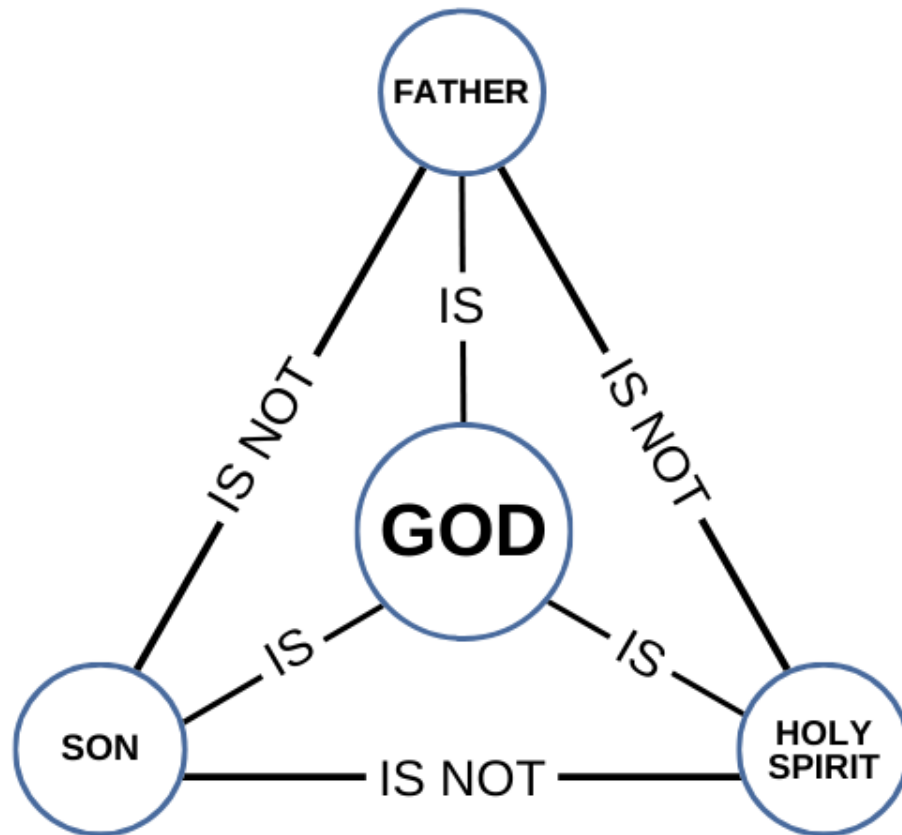


**Let Us Review!!**





# Common Diagram of the Godhead



It is Reasonable to  
believe that Jesus is:  
**the God-Man**

*Fully God and fully  
man in one person*



Jesus Christ  
is Fully **God**



# Seven NT Verses Refer to Jesus Christ as God

- John 1:1, 18
- John 20:28
- Romans 9:5
- Titus 2:13
- Hebrews 1:8 (quotes Ps. 45:6)
- 2 Peter 1:1



# Jesus Christ Is Involved in Creation

- John 1:3
- Colossians 1:16-17
- Hebrews 1:2



# Jesus Christ Claims to Be God

- John 8:58 (see John 8:52-59)
- John 10:30 (see John 10:24-31, 33)



# Jesus Christ is Fully God

**Colossians 2:9**, “For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form” (NASB).



Jesus Christ  
is Fully **Man**





# Jesus demonstrated human characteristics

- He was hungry (Matthew 4:2)
- He was thirsty (John 19:28)
- He got tired (John 4:6)
- He cried (John 11:35)
- He experienced temptation (Heb 4:15)

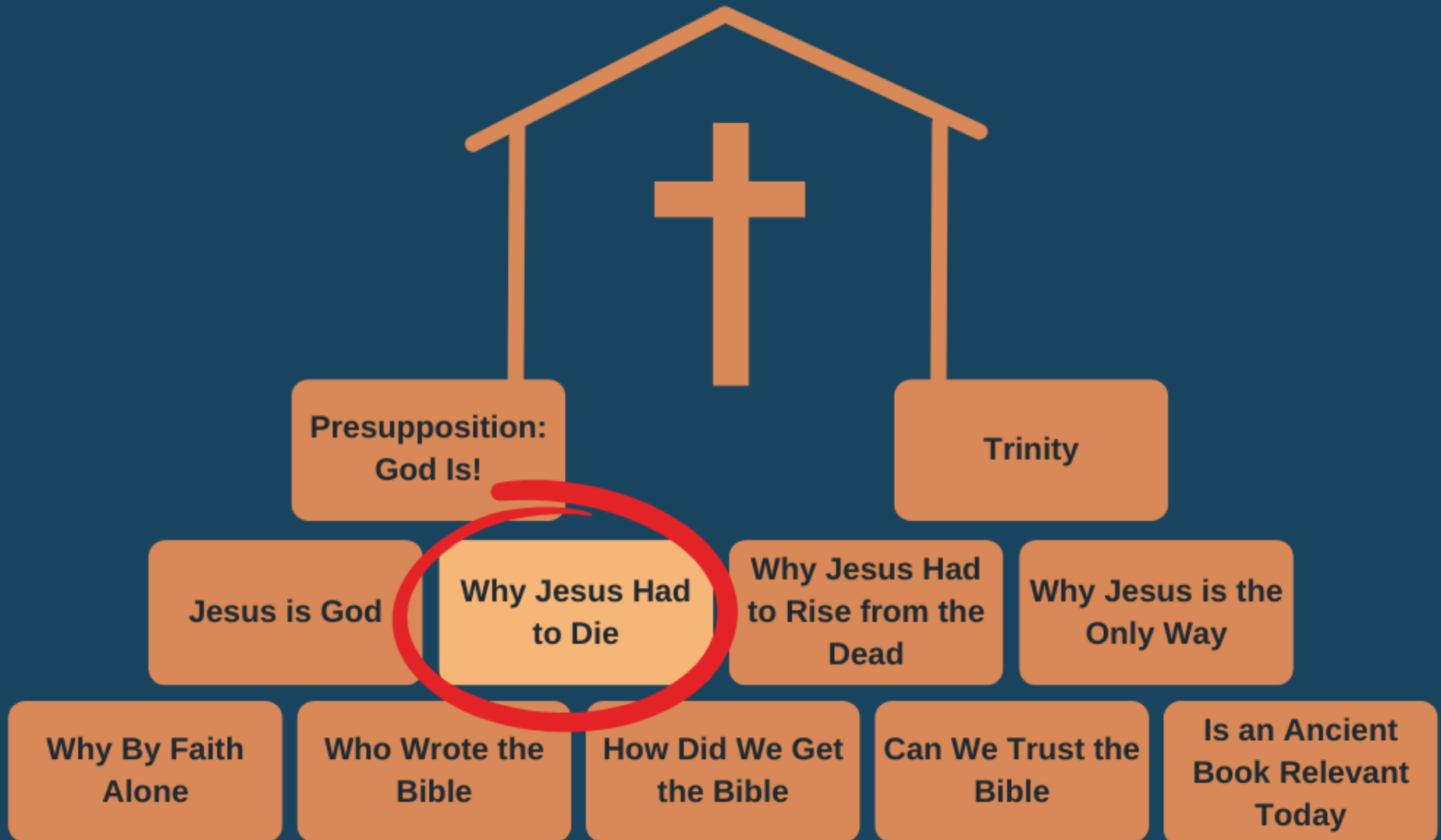




## KEY CONCEPT

**If Jesus is not fully man,  
He would not have been  
able to die. If Jesus is not  
fully God, His death would  
not have been able to pay  
for our sin!**

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**Every person is born a sinner (each have a bent toward sin – i.e., a sin nature), but every person also commits acts of sin.**



**Romans 3:23,**  
**“for all have sinned and  
fall short of the glory of  
God”** (NASB).



**Romans 6:23a,**

**“For the wages of sin is death. . . .”** (NASB).

**Romans 6:23a,**

**“For the payoff of sin is death. . . .”** (NLT).





## KEY CONCEPT

**People are born sinners and people commit acts of sin. God declares that the penalty for sin is death, physical and spiritual.**

**God's Holiness =**  
**God is completely**  
**separate from sin.**

**He cannot be in relationship**  
**with sinful people.**





**God's Righteousness =**  
**God is right and just.**  
**He is the standard of**  
**rightness!**





## KEY CONCEPT

**God's holiness and righteousness demands that sin be punished if people are to ever be in right relationship with Him.**

# Why Jesus?



“Christ the sinless One  
took on Himself the  
penalty that should  
have been borne by  
man. . . .”

(Charles Ryrie, Basic Theology, p. 309).



## Romans 5:6-8,

“For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (NASB).



## Romans 5:9-10,

“Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life” (NASB).



**1 Peter 3:18,**

**“For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit”** (NASB).



## 2 Corinthians 5:21,

“He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him” (NASB).







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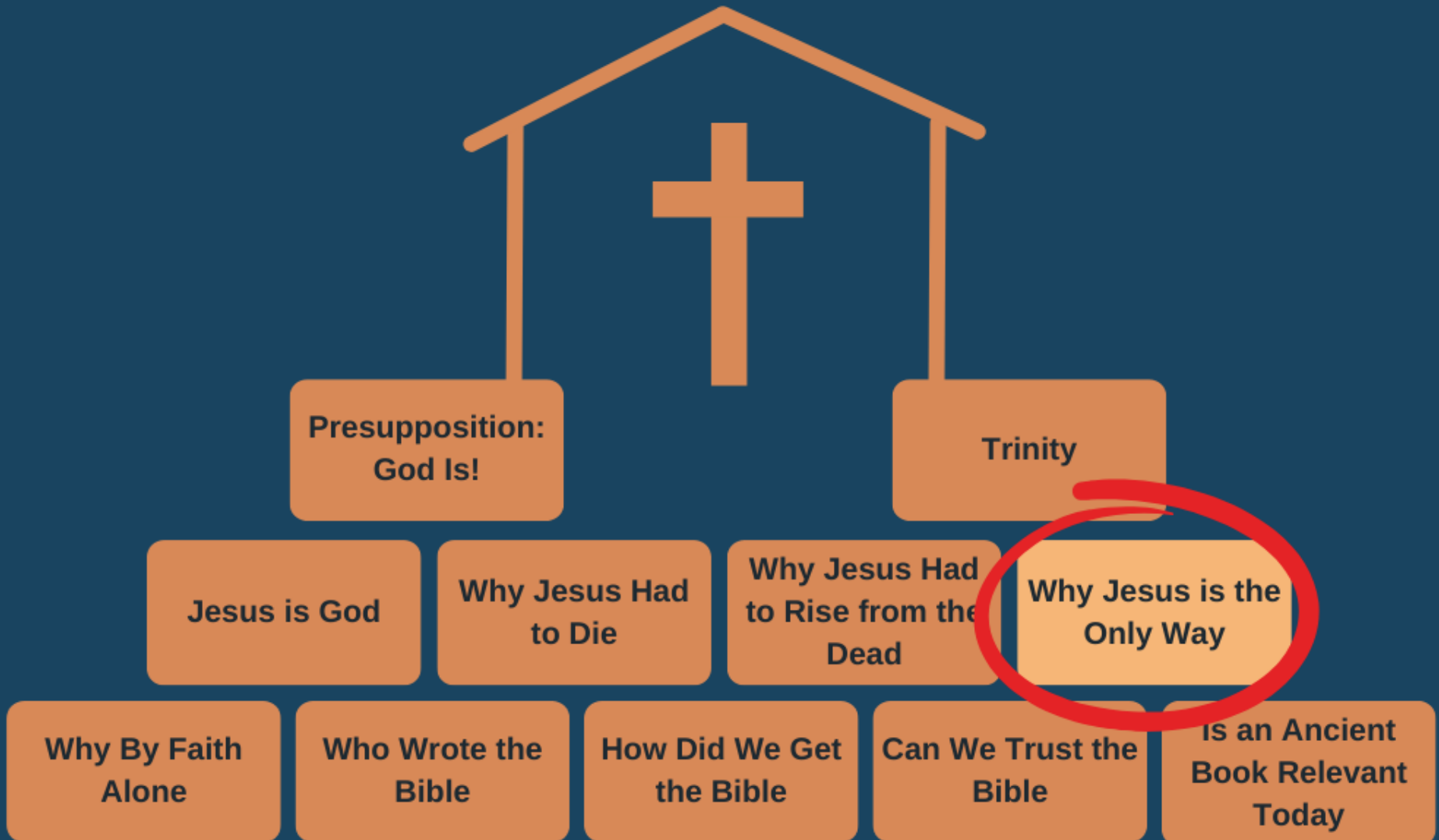
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## **Matthew 7:13-14,**

**“You can enter God’s Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for many who choose that way. But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it”** (NLT).



**John 14:6,**

**“Jesus said to him, ‘I am  
the way, and the truth,  
and the life; no one  
comes to the Father but  
through Me”** (NASB).



**1 Timothy 2:5,**

**“For there is only one  
God and one Mediator  
who can reconcile God  
and people. He is the  
man Christ Jesus”** (NLT).





# 1 John 5:11-13,

“And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life” (NASB).



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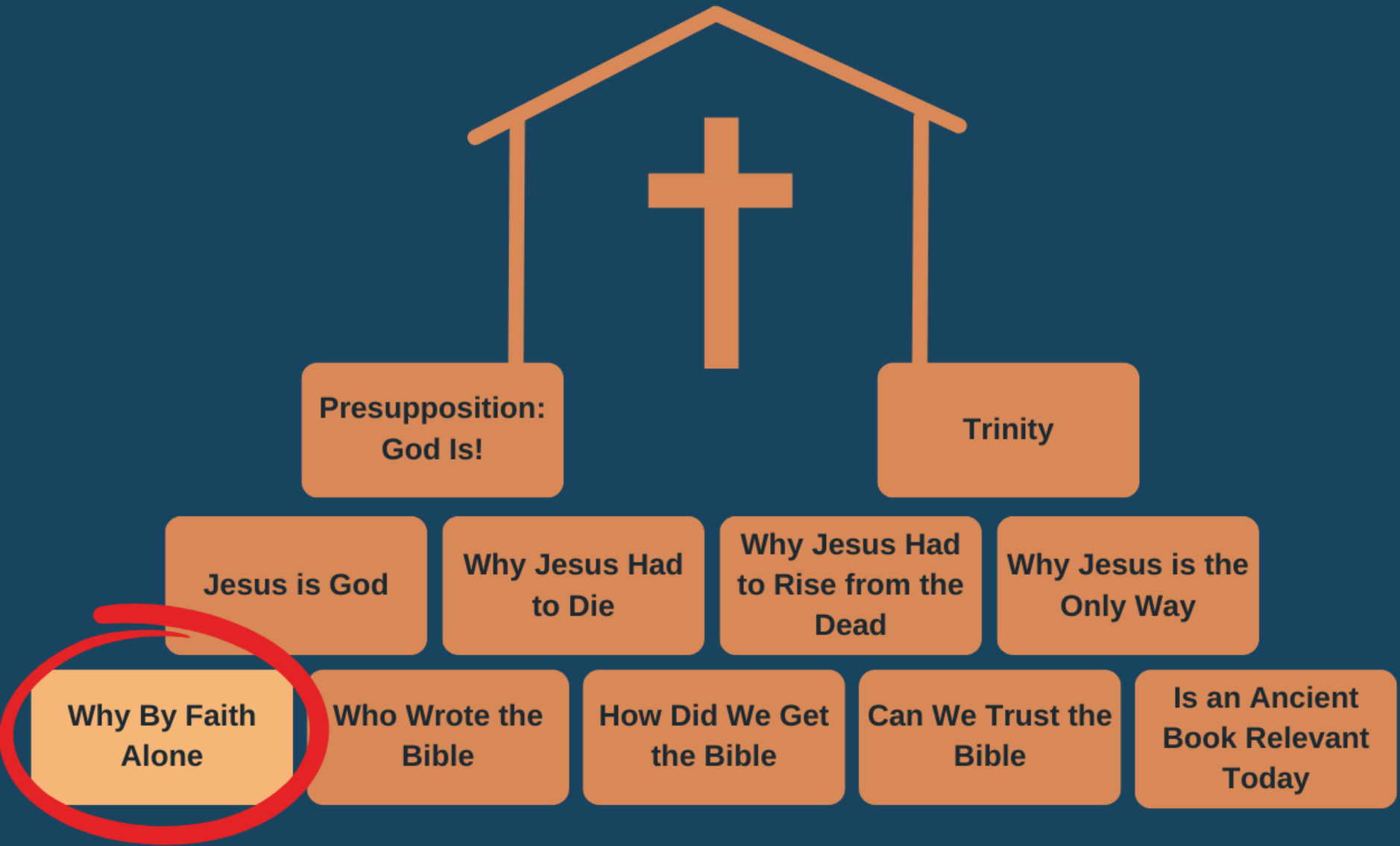
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