

Assignment

Jesus of History Christ of Faith - Chapter 2: The Gospels

In essay form, write ~500 word answers to *two* (2) of the following questions:

Choose *either* question 1 or question 2.

1. Explain why you agree or disagree with the following statement: *History is the simple recording of observable facts and events*. Could the Gospels be considered historical sources? Why or why not?
2. Propose an argument agreeing or disagree with this statement: *The people who actually experienced Jesus during his earthly life in Palestine had a much easier time understanding and accepting him than people do today*.

Choose *either* question 3 or question 4.

3. Explain what it means to say that Christians believe that the Jesus of History is the Christ of Faith.
4. Recall a personal experience that meant a lot to you. List the facts about the event -- who was there, what happened, when, where, and how -- as accurately as you can. Then write your interpretation of the event and discussed the meaning it held for you. Discuss the relationship between the facts and your interpretation. If you were to tell someone about this experience, which would you want them to remember most clearly -- the facts or your interpretation? Why? Is one closer to the truth than another?

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Mark: _____	Level 1 52% 55% 58%	Level 2 62% 65% 68%	Level 3 72% 75% 78%	Level 4 84% 90% 95%
Style/ Communication	-No clearly stated thesis and conclusion -missing some new paragraphs for each point	-Missing or unclearly stated thesis or conclusion -New paragraph for each point	-Clearly stated thesis and conclusion -New paragraph for each point	-Outstanding thesis and conclusion -New paragraph for each point
Application/ Connection	-< 3 points explained/ supported	-Minimum 3 points missing or poor explanation /support	-Minimum 3 points explained/ supported	-Minimum 3 points well explained/ supported
Personal Insight/Thinking Inquiry	-Missing personal insight	-Some personal insight	-Good personal insight	-Excellent personal insight
Overall Effect	-Missing two or more of Level 3 key points	-Missing one of Level 3 key points + spelling	-Title page -2x spacing -<2 spelling errors	Error free