



Quitting Christianity Part 1: "Losing My Religion"

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"Then the woman left her water jar and went back to town. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did. Do you think he might be the Christ?' So the people left the town and went to see Jesus...Many of the Samaritans in that town believed in Jesus because of what the woman said: "He told me everything I ever did." When the Samaritans came to Jesus, they begged him to stay with them, so he stayed there two more days. And many more believed because of the things he said. They said to the woman, 'First we believed in Jesus because of what you said, but now we believe because we heard him ourselves. We know that this man really is the Savior of the world."

John 4:28-30; 39-42 (NCV)

IF I WALK AWAY FROM CHRISTIANITY TO GET TO JESUS, I HAVE TO START WITH...

1. ..._____ OFF A "FAITH" THAT DOESN'T _____ TO ME.

"Saul took his own clothes and armour and he put them on David. He put his bronze helmet

on David's head. David tied Saul's sword on top of the armour. Then he tried to walk. But he had not worn heavy armour like that before. So David said to Saul, 'I cannot wear all this armour to fight. I have not used armour before.' So David took it all off. Instead, David picked up his shepherd's stick. He picked up five round stones from the stream. He put them in the pocket of his shepherd's bag. He held his sling in his hand. Then he walked towards the Philistine soldier."

1 Samuel 17:38-40 (EASY)

2. ...NAVIGATING MY WAY THROUGH THE _____ THAT LEAD TO JESUS.

- Born to a virgin

"This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit."

Matthew 1:18 (NLT)

- Healed the Sick & Raised the Dead

"As the sun went down that evening, people throughout the village brought sick family members to Jesus. No matter what their diseases were, the touch of his hand healed every one."

Luke 4:40 (NLT)

"When Jesus had said this, he shouted with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man

came out. There were pieces of cloth round his hands and round his feet. Another piece of cloth was round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Undo the cloths and let him go.'

John 11:43-44 (EASY)

- Defied the Laws of Nature

"About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. He intended to go past them, but when they saw him walking on the water, they cried out in terror, thinking he was a ghost. They were all terrified when they saw him."

Mark 6:48-49 (NLT)

- Returned from the Dead

"When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a white robe sitting on the right side. The women were shocked, but the angel said, 'Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Look, this is where they laid his body. Now go and tell his disciples, including Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died.'"

Mark 16:5-7 (NLT)

- He is Humankind's Sole Salvation

"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to

judge the world, but to save the world through him.”

John 3:16-17 (NLT)

“Jesus told him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you had really known me, you would know who my Father is. From now on, you do know him and have seen him!’”

John 14:6-7 (NLT)

3. ..._____ MYSELF TO MEET A
JESUS I HAVE NEVER _____.

“Not all who sound religious are really godly people. They may refer to me as ‘Lord,’ but still won’t get to heaven. For the decisive question is whether they obey my Father in heaven. At the Judgment many will tell me, ‘Lord, Lord, we told others about you and used your name to cast out demons and to do many other great miracles.’ But I will reply, ‘You have never been mine [I never knew you.] Go away, for your deeds are evil.’”

Matthew 7:21-23 (TLB)