



April 27, 2014
Celebration | 8:45 am
Elevation | 10:45 am



About Today's Guest Speaker:

Dr. Craig Hazen is the Founder and Director of the Christian Apologetics Program at Biola University. He is also editor of the philosophy journal, *Philosophia Christi*, and author of *The Village Enlightenment in America*, the novel *Five Sacred Crossings*, and dozens of articles and chapters in various books and journals. He has lectured across Europe and North America, including Capitol Hill and the White House, on key apologetics topics.

Finding the True God in a World of Religion

Christianity is _____

1 Corinthians 15:12-19

- Upon careful investigation, the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus is found to be one of the best attested fact of ancient history.

In Christianity salvation is a _____

Ephesians 2:8-9

- *"For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not the result of works, that no one should boast."* (Ephesians 2:8-9)

With Christianity you get an amazing _____

Psalms 119:159-160, Romans 1:20, Psalm 19:1-4

- The picture that Christian teaching paints of the world actually matches the way the world really is!
- The sum of Thy word is truth, and every one of Thy righteous ordinances is everlasting. (Psalm 119:160)
- *"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."* – C.S. Lewis

Christianity has _____ **at the center**

John 1:1-5, 14

- *"And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth."* (John 1:14)

Next Steps:



1. Find Resources for Further Study

In this series on “Blockbuster Questions” we are addressing questions of faith raised by current films. The truths revealed in God’s Word are timeless and relevant to the big questions Hollywood is wrestling with on the big screen. We encourage you to dig deeper and find the answers for yourself or to be prepared to help someone you know as conversations come up. Like it says in 1 Peter 3:15b, “Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.”

Visit the table in the Lobby where Craig Hazen has resources related to his message including:

- *Five Sacred Crossings: A Novel* by Craig Hazen
- *World Religions and Cults 101* by Bickel, Jantz and Hazen
- “*Did the Resurrection of Jesus Really Happen?*” DVD by Craig Hazen
- “*Does God Exist? A Debate*” DVD with William Lane Craig vs Christopher Hitchens

Check out Calvary’s Corner Bookstore Item of the Week:

- *Jesus Among Other Gods: The Absolute Claims of the Christian Message* by Ravi Zacharias
Provides answers to questions like: aren’t all religions the same? Was Jesus who He claimed to be? Did Christ demonstrate that He is the way, the truth, and the life?
- 100% of proceeds from the Corner’s “Item of the Week” go to Wycliffe’s Operation Clean Water. Discover more about this partnership between Calvary and Wycliffe at calvarylife.org/water



2. Learn the fundamentals of the Christian life

Learn the basics of the Christian life in 13 simple lessons, as you explore the Scriptures using the book “Growing in Christ” in a one-on-one discipleship setting. Get started, and keep going, in your Christian walk with this life-changing study for new Christians or those who want to know what it looks like to follow Jesus in your everyday life. To learn more, contact Ross Strachan at 714.541.1053.



3. Express your Faith in Jesus Christ

Have you trusted in Jesus as your Savior? One of the last things Jesus asked all who believe and follow Him to do is to be baptized. Come to a class on May 18 at either 8:45 am or 10:45 am in the Prayer Room to discover what water baptism is all about. Then be baptized at the One Service on Sunday, May 25 at 10:00 am. More details are available at calvarylife.org/baptism

LifeGroups:

1. Every human wrestles with the question, “What is life about?” How have you answered that question for yourself? How have you found Christianity to have the best answer to that question?
2. Christians are sometimes accused of being “exclusive” or “intolerant” because we believe Jesus is the only way to be reconciled to God. But Jesus makes it clear that He is the only way to the Father. Read John 3:16-18, 36; John 14:6; and Acts 4:12. If someone who is not a believer in Jesus asked you to defend why Jesus is the only way, how would you respond?
3. Do you think we can learn from other worldviews and religions? What is your attitude towards people of different faiths, and how can you engage in healthy discussion with people who have a different worldview than yourself?