

**Summer sermon series - Is God there?**

**“Is ANY god there at all?”**

**“Is the God of the bible there?”**

**“Is God there and available to listen to me or even interested in listening to me or is he busy or too important?”**

**1) Complexity of creation**

... space is huge

... human cell is complex

... world we live in is astoundingly complex and interconnected.

**2) Humanity in creation**

... more than “just another animal”

... the story of the bible accounts for this huge difference between humanity and the rest of the creation.

... humanity is created in God’s image.

**3) Revelation – word of God**

... the existence of the bible, speaks clearly of a divine author behind it.

**4) Jesus ... his life, death and resurrection**

... from enormous quantities of ancient literature

... by those deeply opposed the Jesus

... archaeological and geographical evidence

**5 pieces of evidence**

**Firstly - the evidence that Jesus lived roughly 2000 years ago**

**Secondly – the evidence that the disciples believed they saw the risen Jesus**

**Thirdly, the brother of Jesus went from being a mocker of his brother to leading the church in Jerusalem**

**Fourthly, Paul (Saul) went from being a person who killed followers of Jesus to being a person who proclaimed the risen Lord Jesus.**

**Fifthly, the tomb was empty by day 4.**

**5) Scientific evidence for God**

... more and more evidence for a rational mind behind it all.

.. example: the fine tuning

**6) Other evidence for God**

... philosophical arguments

... that morality exists points to the existence of God.

... the use of arguments and reason

... 2000 years of lives changed by Jesus

**For us today**

a) Find out more

b) Start a conversation

c) Be confident

d) Our hope = The God who is there has invited us to know him. He has offered us rescue so we can enjoy him, he has offered to adopt us as his children and he has invited us to heaven so the best is yet to come.

... give reason for the hope you have ... but to do so with gentleness and respect keeping a clear conscience – 1 peter 3:15

Be wise in the way you act towards outsiders. Make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversations be always full of grace, seasoned with salt so that you might know how to answer everyone. – col 4:5-6