

# MasterQ

## **2-3 minute video answers to questions raised at Masterclass**

Masterclass is a one-day event for students in Years 9-11 in various locations around the country. We seek to inspire, challenge and equip students to think deeply about the Christian faith in today's world.

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### **Is the Bible Trustworthy?**

- [How do we know that Jesus existed? Is this just assumed by believers?](#) – Darrell L. Bock
- [What is the proof that Jesus existed, died and rose again?](#) – Murray Smith
- [How do you know that Matthew, Mark, Luke and John did not collaborate?](#) – Murray Smith
- [Does the Bible contradict itself?](#) – Murray Smith
- [Is there anything in the Old Testament that points to Jesus' resurrection?](#) – Darrell L. Bock
- [Why are there so many translations of the Bible and how do we know which ones to use?](#)  
– Darrell L. Bock
- [Do any of Paul's original letters still exist? Are there any original copies of the Gospels? Does it matter?](#) – Darrell L. Bock
- [What sources other than the Bible attest to Jesus' life, and life after death?](#) – Darrell L. Bock

### **God and His Character**

- [Is God real? How do we know?](#) – Dan Paterson
- [Do you agree with everything God has done?](#) – Dan Paterson
- [If the Bible says that God is good, how come we have to fear him?](#) – Richard Shumack
- [If God is a god of love and mercy, why does he constantly kill people in the Old Testament?](#) – Richard Shumack
- [If God is loving, why does he allow bad things to happen?](#) – Simon Smart
- [Is God male or female?](#) – Richard Shumack
- [If the Christian God is real and he is the one and only God, does that mean all other gods are false?](#)  
– Richard Shumack

### **Christian Living**

- [How do I know that I'm a Christian?](#) – Dan Paterson
- [If I'm already bringing joy and happiness to people without God, why should I become a Christian?](#) – Dan Paterson
- [Does God have a plan for each of us?](#) – Justine Toh
- [Why do Christians do bad things?](#) – Simon Smart

- [What do I do if someone is holding me back from my faith?](#) – Dan Paterson
- [Is church compulsory? What if I find church boring?](#) – Darrell L. Bock
- [How do you stay strong as a Christian?](#) – Justine Toh
- [What should we do and how should we act as Christians when people make fun of us at school?](#)  
– Simon Smart
- [How do you know when God is trying to tell you something and speak to you?](#) – Murray Smith
- [How do you know what God wants you to be or do in life?](#) – Murray Smith
- [What is a good practice for continuing to grow in Christianity?](#) – Natasha Moore
- [I love Christ, but I struggle loving myself.](#) – Patricia Weerakoon
- [I don't feel like I'm really connecting with God even though I go to church and youth group every week. What should I do?](#) – Simon Smart
- [How do you love your enemies when you've been really hurt by them?](#) – Simon Smart
- [Does the spiritual world exist?](#) – Dan Paterson
- [What brought you to know and profess Jesus?](#) – Dan Paterson

## Sin and Salvation

- [Does God forgive everyone?](#) – Murray Smith
- [Are some sins worse than others?](#) – Murray Smith
- [Did God really give us freedom if he's determined those who are saved, and those who are not?](#)  
– Dan Paterson
- [Why is it bad to follow our own desires?](#) – Natasha Moore

## Heaven and Hell

- [Do people who don't believe in Jesus suffer in hell for eternity?](#) – Dan Paterson
- [Do animals go to heaven?](#) – Dan Paterson
- [How is heaven supposed to be perfect when not everyone we love will be there?](#) – Dan Paterson
- [Can criminals go to heaven if they join Christ?](#) – Dan Paterson

## Science

- [What's your interpretation of Adam and Eve? Is it historical or is it figurative?](#) – Dan Paterson
- [Do you believe in old earth creation or young earth creation?](#) – Dan Paterson
- [Should Christians be afraid of science?](#) – Dan Paterson
- [How would you explain how dinosaurs and the Bible fit together?](#) – Dan Paterson
- [Does the multiverse theory undermine the fine-tuning argument for God's existence?](#)  
– Dan Paterson
- [What is it about nature that makes you sure that God exists?](#) – Dan Paterson
- [Can evolution and the Big Bang co-exist with Christianity?](#) – Dan Paterson

## Sex and Relationships

- [As a Christian, can I date a non-Christian?](#) – Patricia Weerakoon
- [What are your thoughts on finding true love?](#) – Patricia Weerakoon
- [What is God's view on sex?](#) – Patricia Weerakoon

- [Why is sex before marriage such a big issue to God?](#) – Patricia Weerakoon
- [The Bible says to save sex for marriage. What is the limit for when you are in the dating stage?](#) – Patricia Weerakoon
- [As Christians, when we get married are we expected to have children?](#) – Patricia Weerakoon
- [What do I do if I struggle with same-sex attraction?](#) – Patricia Weerakoon
- [Would you support a friend if they were getting married to someone of the same sex?](#) – Patricia Weerakoon
- [What does transgender mean – is it just about not fitting the stereotypes of your gender?](#) – Patricia Weerakoon
- [As a Christian, how should I respond to the transgender phenomenon?](#) – Patricia Weerakoon
- [My 15-year-old girl cousin says she is transgender. As a Christian how do I support her?](#) – Patricia Weerakoon
- [I have a gay friend. How can I show Christian love to this person?](#) – Patricia Weerakoon

## Suffering

- [Why do some people experience more suffering than others?](#) – Murray Smith
- [Can a Christian suffer depression?](#) – Justine Toh

## Christians in the World

- [Why does Christianity always condemn other religions and spread their own religion?](#) – Dan Paterson
- [Why do Christians seem so hateful compared to Jesus, who loved and served people?](#) – Justine Toh
- [What is Christianity's responsibility to 'the other'?](#) – Justine Toh
- [How do we navigate the issue of abortion?](#) – Justine Toh
- [What does the Bible say about feminism and gender equality?](#) – Natasha Moore
- [Should we push a Christian agenda on the world? Should we force all Australians to live God's way?](#) – Natasha Moore
- [I'm a Christian and I want to be a model. Should I do it?](#) – Natasha Moore
- [What's the difference between myself brought up in a Christian home, and someone else brought up in a Muslim home?](#) – Richard Shumack
- [Is it wise for a Christian to read and study the Quran or atheist documents as well as studying the Bible?](#) – Richard Shumack
- [How do we handle Islam and ISIS?](#) – Richard Shumack
- [Do you think Christianity will be around in 100 years?](#) – Simon Smart
- [Why do you think that people are so accepting of other world religions but are always ready to shut down Christianity?](#) – Simon Smart
- [Where is the tipping point from being a doormat Christian? Is there a limit to loving our enemies?](#) – Simon Smart
- [As Christians, what can we do or say to show that we are different and to show people God's love and God's glory?](#) – Richard Shumack
- [Were the Crusaders true Christians?](#) – Simon Smart
- [Why can we eat bacon, but condemn homosexuality?](#) – Dan Paterson

## Discussing Christianity Respectfully

- [What might be a good book in simple language on apologetics to give to an atheist friend?](#)  
– *Dan Paterson*
- [What do we say to our friends that think they have a good enough life without God?](#) – *Dan Paterson*
- [How can we avoid charges of bigotry when discussing gay marriage?](#) – *Justine Toh*
- [How do you have a respectful intelligent discussion with an atheist about God and faith?](#)  
– *Justine Toh*
- [How do you have a respectful discussion with an atheist about your faith without coming across as bigoted?](#) – *Dan Paterson*
- [How do we avoid appearing bigoted when discussing topics such as gay marriage and abortion?](#)  
– *Natasha Moore*
- [I've been brought up in a Christian household – what right do I have to tell a Muslim that I am right, and they are wrong?](#) – *Richard Shumack*

