

Quest for Truth

Knowledge: The Foundation of Conviction

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Hear practical teaching that will help us embrace and defend the rich heritage of our Catholic faith.

Clayton Bower is a Catholic Apologist, that is, someone who explains and defends what the Catholic Church is and what it teaches.

He is a regular radio guest at EWTN's affiliate St. Joseph Radio, where his live talk show is broadcast on Shortwave and satellite radio, as well as local stations.

He is a graduate of Boston University, holding a B.A. in Sociology with a specialization in Demographic History. He studied Theology, Patristics, and Scripture at St. John's School of Theology in the Archdiocese of Boston, and has attended a wide variety of courses at Harvard University's Extension and Summer programs.

He presently resides in San Diego, California where he works as a freelance speaker and writer, in addition to his professional work as an Information Technology Consultant at California State University, and an adjunct faculty member in the Computer Science Department at Palomar College. His audiences have ranged from small parishes, to radio, to large groups of faculty and students at such institutions as Harvard, and M.I.T., addressing topics ranging from "What is the True Church?" to "What is the Shroud of Turin?"

He has produced several multimedia programs, that include art, music, live lecture, and open floors for questions and answers, which he has presented to Catholic audiences around the United States and beyond.

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The Shroud of Turin: Is it Him?

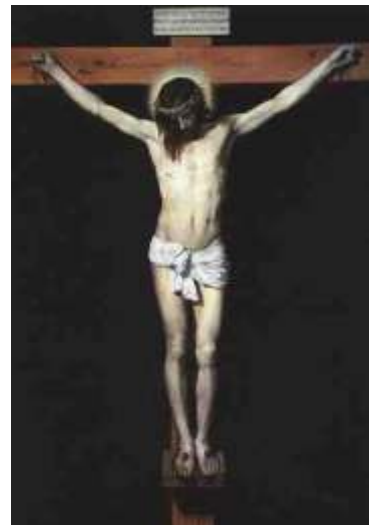
The Shroud of Turin ranks as the most studied human artifact on the earth. It is also one of the most controversial images that exists. It appears to carry the marks of a man crucified and an image that many consider that of Jesus Christ. There are many who disregard it and disparage it as a "medieval hoax", "a church fraud", "a fake". Others have come to recognize it as one of the most extraordinary of images, of any kind, that still remains unexplained.

This presentation gives a sound overview of the highlights of the hard scientific studies that have been done on the Shroud, as well as the history, art, and archaeology associated with it.

The Crucifixion

For Catholics the image of the Crucifixion is so common, that it is often taken for granted. However, what do we factually know about the Crucifixion? What physically happens in a crucifixion? What is its significance in the context of the time when it was practiced?

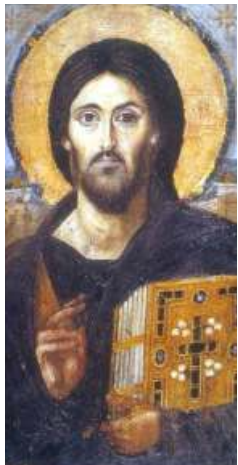
This presentation gives a detailed description and appreciation of what the Crucifixion involved. It cures the lack of knowledge that has been taken for granted. It will give every Catholic an appreciation of what that common symbol represents.



Why a Pope? - Jesus, Peter, and the Papacy

One of the most distinctive marks of the Catholic Church is its unity under the teaching authority represented by the Pope. The rejection of the teaching office of the pope is also one of the most common things that divides non-Catholics from Catholics. The pope is often attacked, misunderstood, or disparaged and sometimes even called the antichrist.

This presentation answers the objections and misinformation about the office of the pope, and gives Catholics the information they need to be assured for themselves, and able to explain and defend it to others.



Whose Bible Is It?

Often Catholics are confronted by other "Christians" who say the Catholic Church is not bible-based. They accuse the Catholic Church of distorting the bible, hiding the bible, even attempting to destroy the bible. Catholics find visitors at their doorstep, bible in hand, trying to engage them in discussion, or invite them to a "bible study" at another church. Catholics often feel intimidated.

This presentation arms Catholics with the knowledge to understand for themselves what the bible is and the its context within the Church.



The Crusades: Then and Now

The armed conflicts, known as the crusades, was indicative of a "clash of civilizations" that occurred beginning in the Twelfth Century, and continued for many centuries after. References to the Crusades is often in the headlines. It may be in a statement by a pope, or in the cry of a terrorist, or in any discussion of whether armed defense or war can be called just.

This presentation is to make it clear to Catholics what the Crusades were, in fact, and to understand why, even today – with another "clash of civilizations" looming, it is important to know about them.

Are All Religions Equal?

There are common references today to "pluralism", "multiculturalism", and a sense that everything is just a part of a "mosaic". Too often religions are looked upon, very incorrectly, as "basically all the same." That you can pick and choose, or shop among them to suit yourself.

Jesus said: "I am THE way THE truth and THE life". Can that be ignored? Is it true that Jesus established one Church? Why then are there over 30,000 different "Christian" denominations – as well as non-denominational "churches" and so many non-Christian religions?

This presentation makes it clear what answer Catholics have to give when confronted with the question: "Are all religions equal?"

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