

# DON'T MESS WITH JESUS!★

1 Peter 3:14-18

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## 6 Truths About Apologetics

1. Apologetics invites conflict, while God provides courage and blessing.
2. Apologetics cultivates my heart toward God.
3. Apologetics reminds me who's top priority.
4. Apologetics positions me to help others know God.
5. Apologetics is just as important as the way we live.
6. Apologetics authenticates me as much as it does God.

**Bottom Line:** Tell YOUR story and answer THEIR questions.



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# REALife Application

## Looking IN

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## Looking UP

1. How should we live if we want to “love life and see good days” (v.10)?
2. In what way are you blessed “even if you should suffer for what is right (v.14)?
3. What is “the reason for the hope that you have” (v.15)? From this passage, why can a Christian be confident even in the midst of suffering?
4. When was the last time you had an opportunity to talk about your faith with a nonbeliever? How did you feel about it?

## Looking OUT

1. How is it really possible to live like verses 8-12? Prayer? Effort? Obedience no matter what? A deepening relationship with Christ?
2. What is the model of evangelism Peter gives in verses 15-16? How closely do you follow this?
3. What fears motivate people today? What fears affect our relationships? How does following Jesus as Lord free you from those fears?
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