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# CASE-MAKERS COURSE

SESSION 8

## THE TEMPLATE FOR EVALUATING THE RELIABILITY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

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# COMPLETE THE READ, WATCH, AND WRITE SECTIONS TO EARN THE CERTIFICATE



## READ

Study These Segments from J. Warner's Book and Answer the Questions:

*Cold-Case Christianity: A Homicide Detective Investigates the Claims of the Gospels* (Pages 57-65 and pages 75-80)

Direct evidence is evidence that can \_\_\_\_\_ something all by itself. (Page 58)

Circumstantial evidence (also known as indirect evidence) does not \_\_\_\_\_ something on its own, but points us in the right direction by \_\_\_\_\_ something related to the question at hand. (Page 59)

The more pieces of consistent \_\_\_\_\_ evidence, the more reasonable the conclusion. (Page 59)

These four critical areas should be examined before we \_\_\_\_\_ an eyewitness. If we can establish that a witness was present, has been \_\_\_\_\_ and honest in the past, is verified by additional evidence, and has no \_\_\_\_\_ to lie, we can trust what the witness has to say. (Page 80)



## WATCH

Review This Video from the Case Maker's Course and Answer the Questions:

Case Making Course Session 08 (Investigating the New Testament) - The Template for Evaluating the Reliability of the New Testament

There are two categories of evidence:

\_\_\_\_\_

(Eyewitness accounts and testimony)

\_\_\_\_\_ (circumstantial)

(Everything else that is not an eyewitness account or testimony)

Judges instruct juries to treat \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ with the exact same weight they treat  
direct evidence.

Four questions to test an eyewitness:

1. Were the witnesses even there to begin with?

\_\_\_\_\_?

2. Are the witnesses supported externally?

\_\_\_\_\_?

3. Have they been honest and accurate in the past?

\_\_\_\_\_?

4. Do the witnesses have an ulterior motive?

\_\_\_\_\_?



## WRITE

Answer the Prompt Briefly to Master the Material:

What do most people imply when they use the term “circumstantial evidence”? Is it usually meant in a positive or negative way? Explain. How can you use John 5:30-47 to demonstrate the importance of indirect evidence?

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## RAISE THE BAR

View These Additional Resources:



Yes, The Christian Worldview Is Supported By The Evidence  
<http://bit.ly/3YkHbbT>



Test Your Eyewitnesses, Even When The Eyewitness Is You  
<http://bit.ly/3kSoWNs>