

The Glory of God; Psalm 19:1

1. Declare.
 - a. When we see certain things, we know where they came from.
 - i. The Creation of Adam by Michelangelo.
 - ii. Air Jordans by Nike.
 - iii. Starry Night by Van Gogh.
 - b. God created all that we see, and He is clearly visible in His creation.
2. Sol
 - a. “The heavens declare the glory of God.”
 - b. Our solar system Has YHWH written in the bottom right corner.
 - i. We live in a spiral galaxy called the Milky Way.
 - ii. Sol is the name of our sun.
 - iii. Our set of planets that orbit Sol is called the Solar System.
 - iv. Nine planets orbit the sun, but not in circles, in ellipses.
 - v. They all orbit on the same plane and counterclockwise.
 - vi. Neptune crosses Pluto’s orbit, yet they never collide.
 - vii. The Webb telescope shows us 19 other spiral galaxies.
 - viii. This screams order and organization, which means it was created.
 - c. Earth.
 - i. Because of the elliptical orbit, the distance from the sun varies between 91.4 and 94.5 million miles (a 3-million-mile swing).
 - ii. If the Earth were 10 million miles closer to the sun, we would get about 25% more solar energy, which would make the Earth just about uninhabitable.
 - iii. If the Earth were 10 million miles further away, we would have 81.5% less solar energy and likely be in an ice age.
 - iv. “For starters, the Earth would receive about 25% more insolation than it currently does, dramatically raising global temperature and global absolute humidity, and probably culminating in a runaway greenhouse sufficient to boil off the oceans. (That’s going to happen, anyway, in a few hundred million years as the Sun evolves and brightens.) Also, the new orbit, at about 150 million km from the Sun is way too close to Venus’ orbit for comfort. Earth and Venus would most likely destabilize each other, leading within a few million years to one or both careening about the solar system until they bump into something.” Rush Elkins, retired Rocket Scientist
 - v. To think that the Earth is here in its exact position and orbit by chance is ridiculous.
 - vi. Acts 17:24–28: “The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and Earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the Earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for “ ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, “ ‘For we are indeed his offspring.’”
 - d. Science tells us that there is a God, and He created everything.
3. Proclaim.

- a. Romans 1:19–20: “For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.”
- b. Creation screams “creator!”
 - i. There is only one empty tomb in all the ‘creator’ stories.
 - ii. The prophet David is still in his tomb (Acts 2:29).
 - iii. Jesus’ tomb is empty.
 - 1. Matthew 28:1–6: “Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.”
 - 2. Mark 16:1–6: “When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him.”
 - 3. Luke 24:4–8: “While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” And they remembered his words,”
- c. All creation shouts, “Jesus!”
 - i. Acts 17:29–31: “Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”
 - ii. 1 Corinthians 15:1–8: “Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of

- whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.”
- iii. We can look around and see God’s work in His creation and know that the one who is no longer in His tomb is the Messiah.
 - iv. Hebrews 1:1–3: “Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,”
4. The Glory of God.
- a. God’s glory is plainly visible in our universe.
 - i. The heavens shout God’s glory.
 - ii. The sky declares God’s glory.
 - b. The empty tomb proclaims Jesus as the Messiah.
 - c. Jesus is the glory of God, the radiance of God’s glory, the exact imprint of His nature.