

## Romans 1:18-23

<sup>18</sup>For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.<sup>19</sup>For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them, because God has shown it to them. <sup>20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>For although they knew God, they did not honour him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.<sup>22</sup>Claiming to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup>and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

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### Discussion questions

1. Why do you think there's such disagreement about whether God exists? What do you make of the arguments presented in the talk?
2. The claim that Jesus reveals God focuses the question of God's existence and provides a route to investigate further. Is this something you would be prepared to do? Why or why not? What do you make of Jesus Christ?

Next week:

Series: Why I can't believe?

Title: Aren't all religions basically the same?  
(Acts 14:8-19)

Guest speaker: Richard Bray

## Why I can't believe?

How can we know whether God exists?

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A crucial but impenetrable question...

### 1. Creation reveals God

### 2. We already know God

### 3. Jesus reveals God

Data:

- i) Jesus claimed to be God
- ii) Hundreds of people saw him perform apparent miracles.
- iii) The people closest to Jesus believed he was God.
- iv) After Jesus died hundreds of people claimed that they saw him alive.
- v) These people then spread the faith all over the world, and many died as martyrs.

Options:

- Legend
- Learned teacher
- Liar
- Lunatic
- Lord