

What Further Testimony Do We Need?

Luke 22:70-71: “So they all said, ‘Are you the Son of God, then?’ And he said to them, ‘You say that I am.’⁷¹ Then they said, ‘What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips.’”

One of the most interesting animals is the zebra. The zebra’s natural home is in the grasslands of eastern and southern Africa. Most of you have seen a zebra - if only in a zoo. Here are some interesting facts about the zebra.

- Every zebra has a unique pattern of black and white stripes – unique like our fingerprints
- The zebra is a member of the horse family and can run up to 35 miles per hour.
- Baby zebras can walk within 20 minutes after they are born.
- Zebras stand while they sleep.

I have a question for you. Are zebras white with black stripes, or are they black with white stripes? Some people say that since they have a white belly, they are white with black stripes. Others argue that if you shave all their hair off - they have black skin, so they are black with white stripes. This has been a question that has been debated for hundreds of years without anyone winning the argument.

In Jesus’ day there were people that liked to argue. Some thought they could even argue with God. They wanted to do what they wanted in spite of what God said. When Jesus came into the world, they said they were waiting for the Messiah, but they did not want the Messiah right now because it was inconvenient.

They said even though all the evidence said Jesus was the Messiah that He could not be the Messiah because this would interfere with their plans. To say Jesus who is the Messiah - is **not** the Messiah is like saying water is not wet or zebras do not have stripes. Yet, when they asked Jesus “Are you the Son of God?” Jesus responds to the priests, “Since you did say it, I cannot deny it.” The priests now say Jesus has spoken against God, but since Jesus is God that cannot be true. They are trying to confuse the truth by arguing if the zebra’s stripes are black or white – for the zebra has both – just as Jesus is both the Son of God and the Son of Man.

The Priests said they were men of God, yet they did not want God unless they could control Him. No one can control God, so the truth is they are not men of God and that is why they did not believe in Jesus. The truth is simple – if you do not believe in God the Father and God the Son you are an enemy of God and belong to the evil one.

God let us not argue about white and black stripes of the zebra or argue with You, God. Let us believe in You – God the Father and God the Son for You are truth, let us love You - God because You invented love, let us live for Jesus because He is both the Son of God and the Son of Man. Amen

