

*God's Crime Scene*

**Description:** Come and learn how evidence in the universe points to the existence of God. Renowned apologist and former skeptic, J. Warner Wallace, uses his tactics as a former homicide investigator to rule out *possible* answers to life's origin questions, leaving us with the *most reasonable* answer: that God exists and created the universe. This presentation deals with one evidence, but his website ([www.coldcasechristianity.com/resources](http://www.coldcasechristianity.com/resources)) grants access to the others.

**Prompt:** TV shows that deal with cold cases, crime scenes, and homicides are wildly popular. They touch our sense of justice and mystery. Ask students which, if any, of the crime scene shows they view.

**Play:** Video of J. Warner Wallace, "God's Crime Scene" [buildmomentum.org/resources](http://buildmomentum.org/resources)

**Process:** Select from the following questions to help students remember, rekindle and reengage.

- ⏪ Abductive reasoning at crime scenes takes two lists—evidence and explanations—and looks for the most reasonable explanation for the crime. **How is this reasoning useful to explain God?**
- ⏪ "If there is an intruder in the room, it changes everything," Wallace explains. "An intruder turns a death scene into a crime scene and curiosity into urgency." **How does this distinction of "inside the room" or "outside the room" prove helpful for the question of the universe?**
- ⏪ Review Wallace's **eight evidences** and two explanations for the universe:
  1. A universe with a beginning
  2. A universe that appears to be designed
  3. Life emerged from non-life
  4. Biological organism display attributes of design
  5. Non-material consciousness emerged from unconscious matter
  6. Humans are "free agents" in a cause and effect world
  7. Transcendent, objective moral truths exist
  8. The persistent presence of evil and injustice
    - i. **Inside the Room Explanation:** Unguided natural forces acted on one another
    - ii. **Outside the Room Explanation:** Supernatural force designed and created
- ⏪ **Are there other evidences or explanations Wallace has overlooked?**
- ⏪ **What are the "Inside the Room" forces within the material world Wallace mentions? What are the two "Inside the Room" explanations for the existence of the universe?**
- ⏪ The "Inside the Room" explanations ask *What? Where? Why? When?* and *How?* **What question do scientists fail to ask and why is it important?**
- ⏪ **How close does the "Outside the Room" explanation get us to the God of the Bible?**
- ⏪ Wallace develops a strong argument for an Intelligent Designer from the information in our DNA, even quoting secular scientists. **What aspects of DNA cannot be explained by chance?**

- « **How do the five levels of information—statistics, syntax, semantics, pragmatics, and apobetics—help discount the “Inside the Room” explanation of the universe?**
- « After determining there is an Intruder in the Room, Wallace suggests making a Suspect Profile. **What do the cosmological, biological, mental, and moral evidence tell about the Creator?**
- « Wallace says, “There is a theory of everything: it is called God. He will explain everything in physics, chemistry. Everything about mind and morality.” **What theory do skeptics propose?**
- « At the close of his talk, Wallace shares four common responses to the question, “Why are you a Christian?” **What are the common responses? Which do you give? Which one is best?**

**Pray:** Remind students we tend to be bolder when we know what we believe is true. Affirm the reasonableness of the Christian faith. Thank God for the beauty, wisdom, and variety in His creation. Encourage the students to pray for opportunities to share with their peers about God.

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