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Handout 3-A

Illustrating the Chain of Information

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Handout 3-B

Debate Preparations

Directions

When preparing for a debate, you must be ready to state your point of view with evidence to back it up. You must also anticipate the counterarguments that the opposing sides will raise. How will you respond to their arguments?

Use three copies of this form—corresponding with the writings of non-Christians (Section 2), the Gospels (Section 3), and the testimonies of early martyrs (Section 4)—to organize your thoughts in preparation for a future class debate.

The key debate question: Which of the following is the best source for people today seeking to know about Jesus' existence in history?

Topic of this form: _____
(for example, "writings of non-Christians")

1. What evidence or reasoning can you present to prove that this is the best historical source? (Note that it may help to better define the word *best*.)

2. What counterarguments can you anticipate someone else making against your points in question 1?

3. How might you respond to each of the counterarguments raised in question 2?