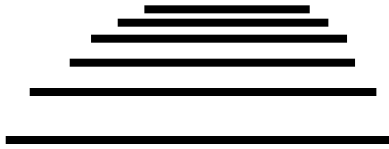


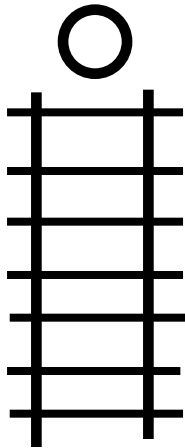
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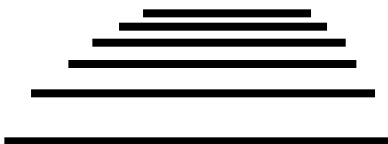
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You’re now calling Him a liar (1 Jn 2:8 & 10, 1 Jn 5:10) or you could be calling Him a suicidal lunatic because why would He go to a cross and submit Himself to death for no reason? I say all of this to urge you to really consider your standpoint concerning the claims of Jesus Christ. They concern you in the utmost way. It wasn’t in vain that He died (Gal 2:21), but that’s up to you to decide. If you have not responded in a way that involves throwing up the white flag for surrender along with humility, then at least think twice about what you are saying about Christ and His passion.

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