

Jesus' First Command

“Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand!” (MARK 1.15)

*Perhaps the Bible had just one author.
Perhaps it was the God of the Universe.*



What if the Bible is True?

Miraculous Unity

-There are rare agreements on controversial topics “point by point” throughout the Bible. This is miraculous when one considers that the **66** books were written by at least **40** writers, each from vastly different cultures, different backgrounds, in different locations, and in different circumstances.

All throughout the Bible, we see a glorious day coming when the whole earth will be rejuvenated back to the original paradise intended for mankind. This day begins when Jesus the Christ (King) returns to resurrect the faithful and reign in righteousness. This will end all war, suffering, and death forever. The ones who follow King Jesus will help him rule the world, and the wicked will be destroyed (Revelation 2:26, Daniel 7:27).

Jesus warned though, that we are all dead in sin (eternally separated from God). Accept that Jesus died so that all of your sins can be forgiven. Make Jesus your master, change your life, and obey his words. He commanded all to “Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand”. Believe Jesus was raised from death by God, accept the promise of this coming kingdom of paradise to be your hope and ask God for help.

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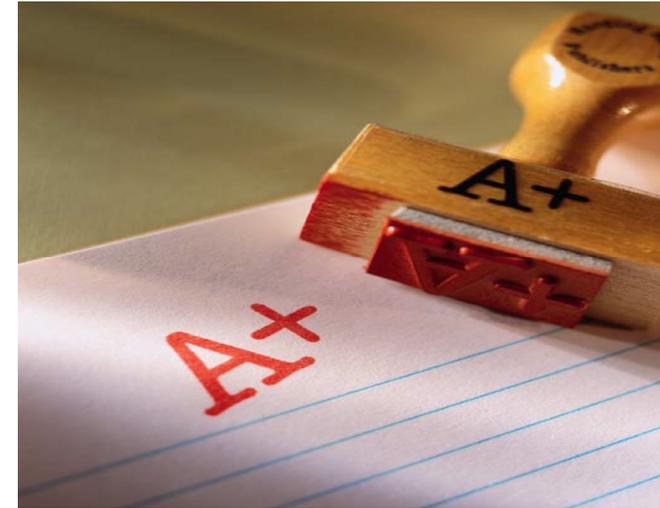
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The Bible is **NOT** Afraid to be Tested



Are you surprised?



Don't Be!!

Question: Out of all the translations how do you know which is right?

Answer: We have more than **5,000** manuscripts existing today and there are several million people who still speak the original languages (Hebrew & Greek). We **do not** depend on a translation because we have direct access in the original languages.*

*Between the 99.5% accuracy "word for word" of the ancient manuscripts, and the fact that there are **more** extant manuscripts of the Bible than any other ancient writing proves strong reliability that far exceeds **all other** books of antiquity.

Science and Medicine

-The book of Leviticus contains amazing medical insights far ahead of its time including circumcision on the 8th day, washing hands after touching someone infected, quarantine of those who had been in contact with the dead, and many other sanitation procedures which we take for granted today but they couldn't have known about without divine guidance.

-The books of Isaiah and Psalms are packed full of scientific accuracies which are only recently being proved thousands of years after they were written. (Isa. 40:22/round earth, Isa. 51:6/Ps. 102:26/2nd Law of Thermodynamics)



100% perfect prophesy is one of the many proofs we have that the Bible is completely accurate beyond human reason. (1 Th. 5:21 Test everything. Hold on to the good)

Prophecy	Scripture	Odds
Isaiah's naming of Cyrus nearly two centuries in advance	Isaiah 44:28-45:3	1/10,000
Daniel's 400 years of precisely predicted history	Daniel 8	1/1,000,000

Isaiah 53 is one of the most important prophetic chapters since it contains 25 individual prophecies that accurately describe the person and role of the Messiah who the New Testament reveals to be Jesus

The detailed prophecy of the destruction of Tyre, hundreds	Ezekiel 26	1/100,000
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These were **unbelievable** predictions! The likelihood that these prophecies came true by some random chain of events is all but impossible. Also remember that this is only an extremely short "glimpse" of predictions spoken of in the Bible by God's prophets. Of the events that were to have taken place by now, every one happened just the way they predicted it would. No other "sacred writing" has such **perfectly** accurate predictions of the future.

-About 30 AD, Jesus was crucified (**a prophecy**) and died (**a prophecy**). Three days later he rose from the dead (**another prophecy**), after which he was seen by over 500 witnesses. His resurrection is extremely well attested.

Mark of the Beast (V-Chip implant)



Revelation 13:16-18
Could it be!

Archeology

-No archeological discovery has ever contradicted a Biblical reference. Scores of archeological findings have been made which confirm the Bible's reliability. In addition, dozen of times the descriptions given in the Bible have led to great archeological discoveries.

-About two thousand years elapsed between the time the **Dead Sea Scrolls** were deposited in the caves of the barren hills surrounding the Dead Sea and their discovery in 1947. The fact that they survived for twenty centuries, that they were found accidentally by Bedouin shepherds, that they are the largest and oldest body of manuscripts relating to the Bible and to the time of Jesus of Nazareth make them a truly remarkable archeological find offering credence to the accuracy of the Masoretic Texts written much later.



-Archeology confirms the reason to believe in the Bible, as well as consistency throughout, and brutal honesty of the writers, if Luke was so painstakingly accurate in his historical reporting, on what basis may we assume inaccuracy in his reporting of matters that were far more important, not only to him but to others as well. Such as, the resurrection of Jesus, the most influential evidence of Jesus' authenticity of being Christ, which Luke says was firmly established by "many convincing proofs" (Acts 1:3)

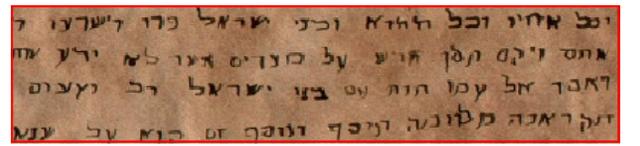
(Luke is the gospel which gives the most information about locations and rulers)

-**Sir William Ramsey**, one of the greatest archaeologists of all time, spent 30 years of his life trying to disprove the New Testament, especially Luke's writings. After much intensive research, with many expecting a thorough refutation of Christianity, Ramsey concluded that Luke was one of the greatest historians of all time and became a Christian based on his archaeological findings. (This is a rather *ironic* pattern followed by many who have tried to disprove the bible through their own research and ended up believing)

The longer that archeology exists the more accurate it will become...

-Some scholars argued that King David was a myth, until in **1993** a stone monument was discovered at Tel Dan, near the border of Syria and Israel. It mentioned a victory over King David and the house of David, just as indicated in *1 Kings 15:20*.

JERUSALEM Nov 10, 2005 -Archaeologists digging at the biblical home of Goliath have unearthed a shard of pottery bearing an inscription of the Philistine's name, a find they claimed lends historical credence to the Bible's tale of David's battle with the giant.



Secular Historians form collaborative evidences! Christians were strongly persecuted by both the Jews and the Roman government. If the New Testament writings were false, these two groups would have produced a great deal of evidence to stop the growth of this "sect." None exists. Furthermore, the New Testament writings (before they were assembled into the "book" we call the New Testament) circulated during the lifetimes of thousands of people who had actually seen Jesus' miracles and other historic events. No one **ever** refuted the New Testament writings as "fairy tales."

Secular history supports the Bible.

For example, in The Antiquities of the Jews, book 18, chap. 3, par.3 the famous historian Flavius Josephus writes of Jesus.

In 115 AD, P. Cornelius Tacitus wrote a passage that refers to Jesus (called "Christus," which means "The Messiah") in book 15, chap. 44 of The Annals.

In 111 AD, Pliny, Letters 10.96-97 Pliny the Younger writes about the "Christians" to the Emperor Trajan.