

Bible Study - Rooted

How Do We Know the Bible is True?

A Christian Worldview Bible Study

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I absolutely love digging into the Scriptures, and it's my prayer that you'll come to love it increasingly more too!

Today, we're taking a deeper look at why the Word of God is true—and why it matters that we believe it's truly His. The Bible isn't just a book. It's not simply good advice or ancient history. It's the very truth of God — spoken for us, and meant for *you*, personally.

Let's lean in, expectant. God's Word is alive—and it has something to say to you today.

Discussion Questions

Opening Questions

- If someone asked you why you trust the Bible, what would you say?
- Have you ever had doubts about the Bible?
- What helped you to trust the Bible—or what made you question it?

And God Said

Read Genesis Chapter 1

- How many times does the phrase “God said” appear in Genesis 1? Take time to count carefully.

- Why do you think it matters that the Bible repeatedly says, “God spoke” or “God said”?
- What does it say about God’s power that creation responded simply to His voice?

In the Beginning

Read John 1:1-5

- Who is John referring to when he says, “the Word”?
- Why do you think Jesus is given that title?
- What does this tell us about who Jesus is?

Jesus in the Desert

Read Matthew 4:1-11

- How does Jesus respond to the devil’s temptations?
- Why didn’t He rely on miracles, emotion, or clever arguments? Why did He go straight to Scripture?
- If Jesus leaned fully on God’s Word in His hardest moments, what does that teach us about how we should respond in spiritual battles?

Let’s Dig In

How does the Bible hold up historically?

There are plenty of solid reasons to believe that the Bible is accurate and authentic — and the best part is, God didn’t leave us without evidence.

Let's dig in using Google and trusted search tools to see what we can discover for ourselves.

- **The Dead Sea Scrolls:**

- Research the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls in the 1940s and how they confirmed the accuracy of the Old Testament.
- Focus especially on how closely these ancient copies match our modern Bibles — particularly the book of Isaiah.

- **Copies of Ancient Texts:**

- Search: How many ancient copies of the New Testament exist in the original Greek?
- Now search: How many original copies of Homer's Iliad have been recovered?
- What's the difference?
- Why does this matter for historical credibility?

- **Scientific discoveries:**

It's amazing how science continues to confirm the Bible. Research discoveries such as:

- The Pool of Bethesda (John 5)
- An inscription bearing the name of Pontius Pilate
- The rediscovery of the Hittite civilization
- The ancient cities of Jericho and Damascus
- What do these discoveries tell you about the Bible's historical roots?

- **One Cohesive Story: Answer these questions:**

Answer the following:

- How many books are in the Bible?
- How many authors wrote them?
- Over how many years was the Bible written?
- In how many languages was it originally written?
- On how many continents?
- What does this level of consistency across so many variables reveal?

That kind of consistency across so many variables isn't accidental. It's divine.

- **Eyewitness testimony:**

- Read Luke 1:1–4. What does Luke say about how these stories were preserved?
 - Research the Council of Nicaea. How did they recognize which books were considered Scripture?
- Why do you think God allowed so much historical and manuscript evidence to survive?
 - What does that say about how seriously we should take His Word?

It's Filled with Prophecy—and Jesus Fulfills It

One of the most incredible things about the Bible is how many prophecies it contains—and how they've come true. In fact, there are over 300 prophecies in the Old Testament that point directly to Jesus. These were written hundreds of years before His birth, and He fulfilled every single one.

- He was born in Bethlehem — just like Micah 5:2 said.

- He was betrayed for 30 pieces of silver — exactly as written in Zechariah 11:13.
- He was crucified — described in Psalm 22, long before crucifixion was even invented.

These aren't random details—they're straightforward signs pointing to Jesus as the promised Savior. Prophecy isn't guesswork. It's God proving He keeps His Word.

Scripture Changes Lives

Possibly the strongest evidence is that the Bible doesn't just inform—it *transforms*.

- Think of people who've been freed from addiction, found peace, made radical life changes, or even forgiven their enemies.
- Hebrews 4:12 says the Word is *living and active*—it's not just information; it's God's voice still speaking.
- "Has the Bible ever spoken to you in a moment when you really needed it?"

Thank you!

I pray it encouraged your heart and deepened your faith. Keep digging into God's Word—one Bible study at a time—because every time you open the Scriptures, He meets you there.

Blessings,

Erin