

“CAN WE REALLY TRUST THE BIBLE?”

“I’ve Always Wondered.... Real Questions. Real Problems. Real Answers.” - Part 6

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5 Reasons We Can Trust the Bible

1. The Bible claims to be the Word of God.

2 Timothy 3:16 ¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.

17 God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work. (NLT)

2 Peter 1:20-21 ²⁰ Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet’s own understanding,

²¹ or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God. (NLT)

2. The Bible has been incredibly preserved over time.

Isaiah 40:8 The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the word of our God stands forever. (NLT)

Matthew 24:35 Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will never disappear. (NLT)

3. The Bible contains many fulfilled prophecies.

Matthew 1:22-23 ²² All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet:

²³ "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" (NLT) (Isaiah 7:14)

Matthew 2:5-6 ⁵ "In Bethlehem in Judea," they said, "for this is what the prophet wrote:

⁶ 'And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are not least among the ruling cities of Judah, for a ruler will come from you who will be the shepherd for my people Israel.'" (NLT) (Micah 5:2)

Matthew 2:14-15 ¹⁴ That night Joseph left for Egypt with the child and Mary, his mother, ¹⁵ and they stayed there until Herod's death. This fulfilled what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: "I called my Son out of Egypt." (NLT) (Hosea 11:1)

Matthew 2:16-18 ¹⁶ Herod was furious when he realized that the wise men had outwitted him. He sent soldiers to kill all the boys in and around Bethlehem who were two years old and under, based on the wise men's report of the star's first appearance.

¹⁷ Herod's brutal action fulfilled what God had spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸ "A cry was heard in Ramah—weeping and great mourning. Rachel weeps for her children, refusing to be comforted, for they are dead." (NLT) (Jeremiah 31:15)

Isaiah 53:3 He was despised and rejected—a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. (NLT)

Isaiah 53:5 But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. (NLT)

Isaiah 53:7 He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet he never said a word. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter. (NLT)

Isaiah 53:9 He had done no wrong and had never deceived anyone. But he was buried like a criminal; he was put in a rich man's grave. (NLT)

4. The Gospel writers wrote like eyewitnesses.

Luke 1:1-4 Many people have set out to write accounts about the events that have been fulfilled among us.

² They used the eyewitness reports circulating among us from the early disciples.

³ Having carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I also have decided to write an accurate account for you, most honorable Theophilus,

⁴ so you can be certain of the truth of everything you were taught. (NLT)

1 John 1:1-3 We proclaim to you the one who existed from the beginning, whom we have heard and seen. We saw him with our own eyes and touched him with our own hands. He is the Word of life.

² This one who is life itself was revealed to us, and we have seen him. And now we testify and proclaim to you that he is the one who is eternal life. He was with the Father, and then he was revealed to us.

³ We proclaim to you what we ourselves have actually seen and heard so that you may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

5. The disciples were willing to suffer and die for what they proclaimed.

Acts 4:19-20 ¹⁹ But Peter and John replied, “Do you think God wants us to obey you rather than him?”

²⁰ We cannot stop telling about everything we have seen and heard.” (NLT)