



Why You Can Trust Your Bible

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An Amazing Unique Book:

- **Made up of 66 books**
- **Written over 1600 years**
- **Written over 60 generations**
- **Written by 40+ authors**
- **The New Testament is the most well preserve work of ancient literature**

66,286 total manuscripts between the Old and New Testaments.
Next closest – Homer's Iliad at 1,900 +

“to be skeptical of the resultant text of the New Testament books is to allow all of classical antiquity to slip into obscurity, for no documents of the ancient period are as well attested bibliographically as the New Testament.” John Warwick Montgomery

Its Historical Accuracy:

- **Written by Eyewitnesses:**
Acts 3:15, 4:20; John 20:26-28
- **The Writers Invited Investigation:**
 - *“they appealed to the knowledge of their listeners concerning the truth about Christ.”*
 - **1 Corinthians 15:3-6; Acts 2:32**
- **They were exact in their accuracy:**
Luke 1:1-4; Acts 1:1-2, 16:8,10

Writers Invited investigation: [Tacitus quote]

Exact in their accuracy:

“The disciples could not afford to risk inaccuracy or to make stuff up, if their goal was to have people believe in Jesus.”

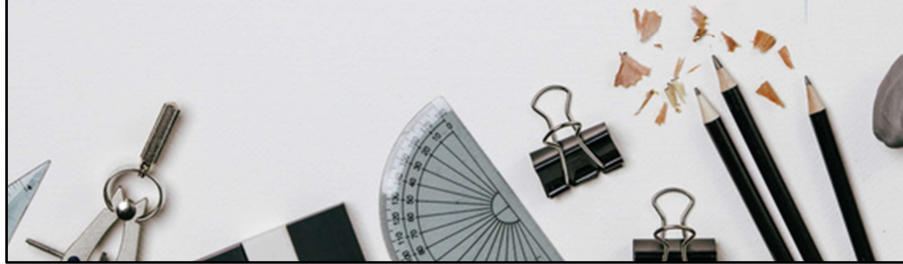
“In all, Luke names thirty-two countries, fifty-four cities, and nine islands without error.” – Norm Geisler

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction,
and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent,

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for every good work

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17



The Bible's Unity:

- 40+ authors over 1600 years
- Doctrinal Unity:
 - High View of Marriage **Genesis 20:2-7; Hebrews 13:4; Matthew 19:10**
 - Not altering God's word **Deuteronomy 4:2; Proverbs 30:6; Revelation 22:19**
- Organic Unity
- Unity in Style
 - Incredibly streamlined **John 21:25; 2 Peter 1:21**

Organic unity – “Any part of the human body can only be properly explained in reference to the whole body. And any part of the Bible can only be properly explained in reference to the whole Bible.”

Style – Any human writer, relying upon his own inspiration, would have written volumes concerning the creation, what God was doing before creation, the flood, the birth, life and death of Jesus, etc.

It is very brief and to the point. Very matter of fact in all of its accounts.

Prophecy:

- **Isaiah 53**
 - “Despised and rejected” **John 7:5, 48**
 - “By His scourging...” **Matthew 27:26**
 - “Yet with a rich man” **Matthew 27:57-60**
- Just three of over 300 predictive prophecies in the Old Testament
 - The odds of one person to fulfill just 8 messianic prophecies is 1 in 10^{17}
 - The odds of one person fulfilling 48 of them is 1 in 10^{157}

The LXX (Greek OT) was completed in 250 B.C. So you had the whole Old Testament cannon completed at some point before 250 B.C.

Isaiah was written between 700 – 681. At the max 700 years between writing and Christ birth, minimum 250. Now, you try and tell me what's going to happen 200 years from now, let alone next week.

What must I do to be saved? *Acts 16:30*

➤ **Believe in Jesus;** *John 8:24*

➤ **Repent of Sins;** *Luke 13:3; 5*

➤ **Confess our Faith in Christ;**

Matt. 10:32-33

➤ **Be Baptized for the Remission Of Sins;**

Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38

➤ **Live Faithfully;** *Rev. 2:10*

