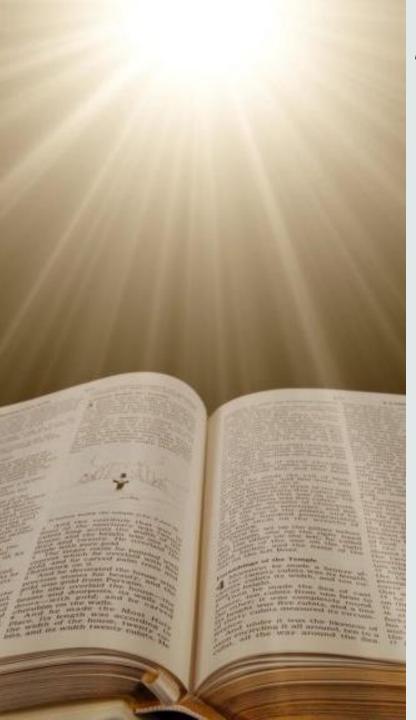


Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study January 8, 2023

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Christ Our Savior Lutheran



Introduction

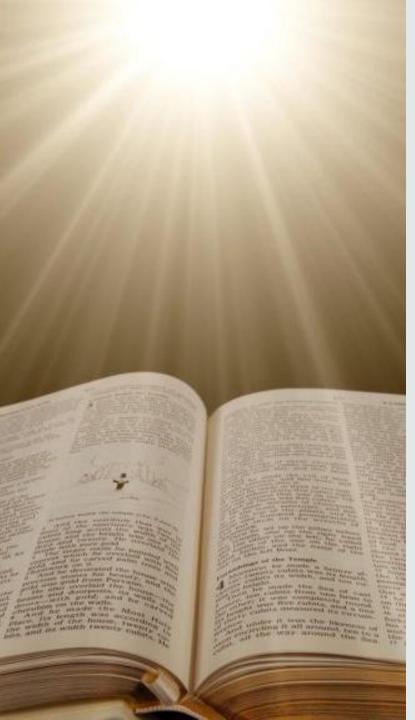
Read the Bible in one year? Really?

- Yes. You can read the Bible in one year.
 - Set aside time everyday
- Focus of the Michigan District for 2023

Michigan District Theological Conference

- The Word Works

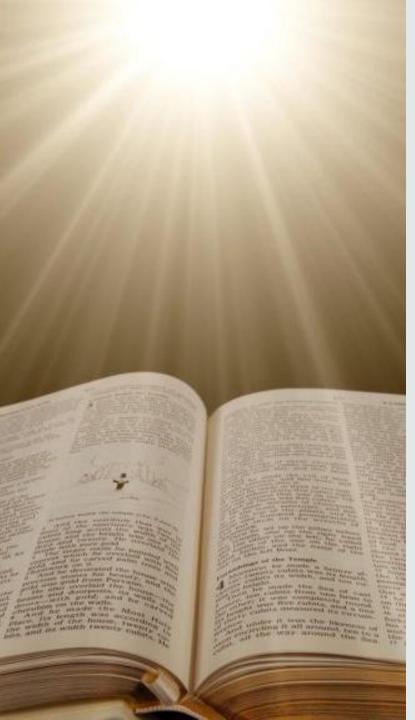
Building an Ethic of Bible Reading February 4 - Our Savior Lansing



Introduction (continued)

How?

- Read one book of the Bible a week (usually, see the schedule)
 - 20 to 30 minutes a day
 - Discuss each book in this class
 - answer questions
 - find Christ
 - grow in faith and understanding
 - know the truth



Introduction (continued)

More how?

Pick the right translation to read

ESV - English Standard Version: used by the church (LCMS and COS)

NIV - New International Version: easier to read, used by the church previously, very common (lots of helps), fairly easy to read

NLT - New Living Translation: very easy to read



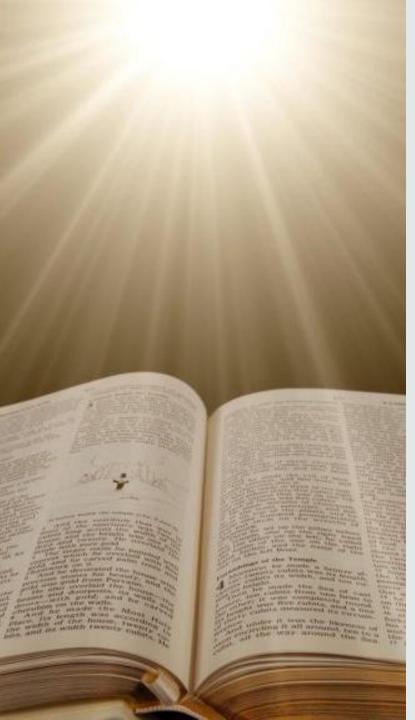
Introduction (continued)

More how?

Pick the right translation to read

AV/KJV - Authorized Version or the King James Version: many of us grew up with this Bible, very hard to read, minor translation problems

Updated to the **NKJV**: solves the problems but still hard to read (easier than the KJV though)



Introduction (continued)

More how?

Other translations

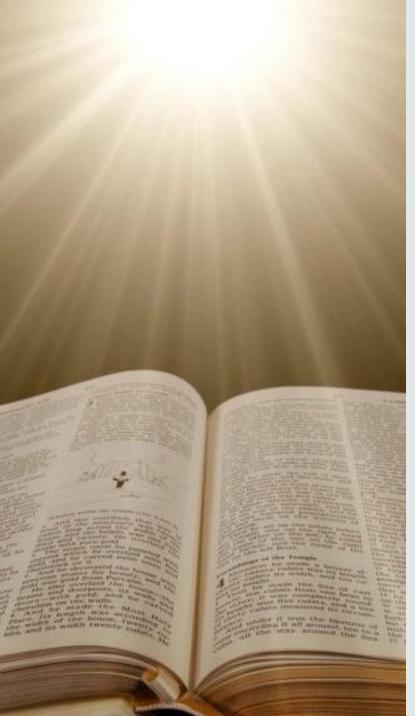
Easy: God's Word, CEV

Harder: NRSV, NASV, CSB

Paraphrased version (caution): The

Message, Living Bible

Questions about other translations?

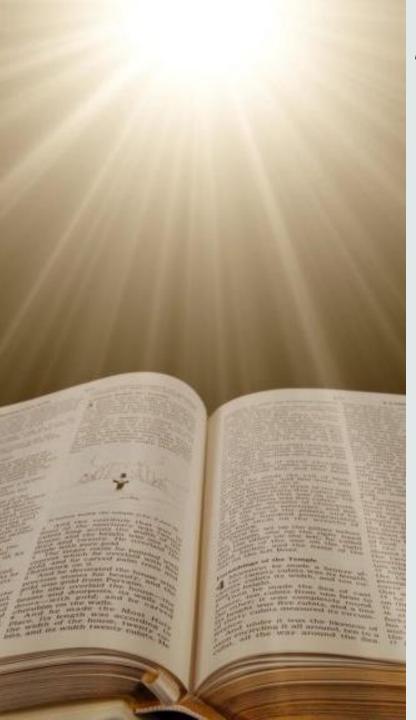


What is the Bible?

The best-selling book of all time

- Approximately 20 million Bibles are sold every year (in the US alone)
- Over 100 million are printed every year

Hmm...why isn't the Bible, or even its individual versions, on the New York Times best-seller list every week?



What is the Bible?

- The Bible was the first book ever printed:
 The Gutenberg Bible 1452
 - Even atheists acknowledge the Bible's value in literature
 - It is the foundational book of Western Civilization
 - The most banned, burned, read and revered book of all time

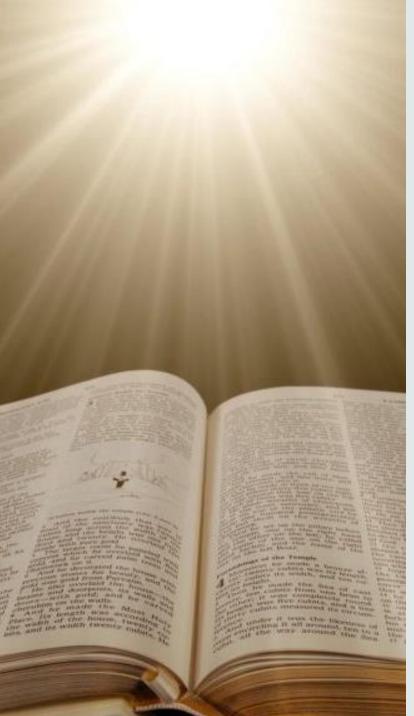


What is the Bible?

The Book of Books

Inspired Word of God

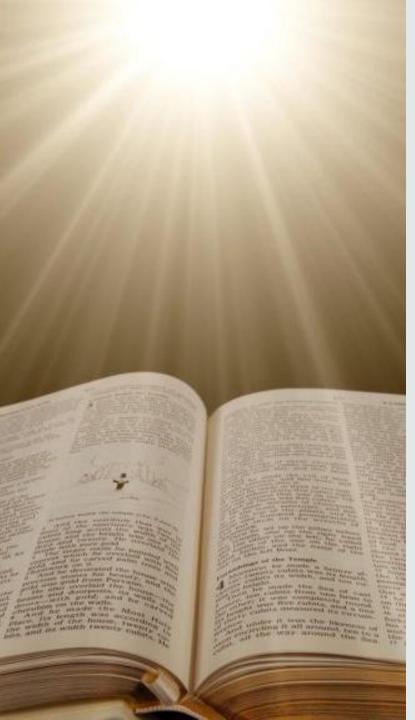
All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. - 2 Timothy 3:16-17



Have you ever wondered why God doesn't talk with us like He used to talk with the people of the Bible?

The Bible is literally God speaking to us today.

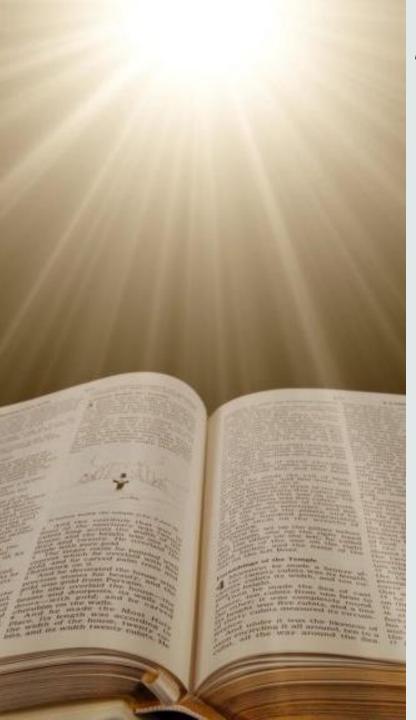
- The Bible and prayer work hand-inhand
- The Bible is central to worship services
- Reading the Bible should always be a daily habit



What is the Bible

A Book of Books

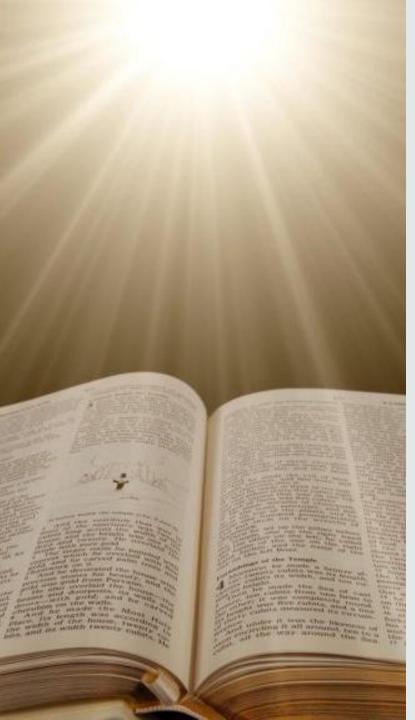
- 66 canonical books (Protestants)
- 14 books of the Apocrypha good but not inspired (Catholic Church)
 - 5 other apocryphal books not recommended but used by some Christians (Eastern Orthodox)
- Heretical books (i.e., Book of Mormon)



What is the Bible

Old Testament (39 books)

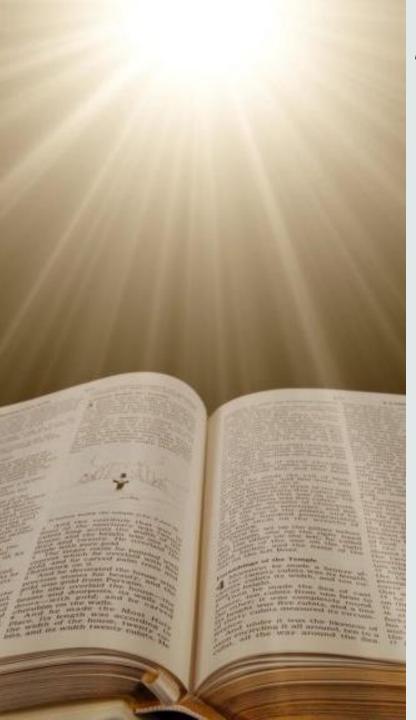
- Books of Moses (Pentateuch, Torah)
 - History (more history)
 - Poetry and Wisdom
 - Prophesy



What is the Bible

New Testament (27 books)

- Gospels (Good News of Jesus)
 - History (Acts)
 - Epistles (letters)
 - Prophesy (Revelation)



How to Read the Bible

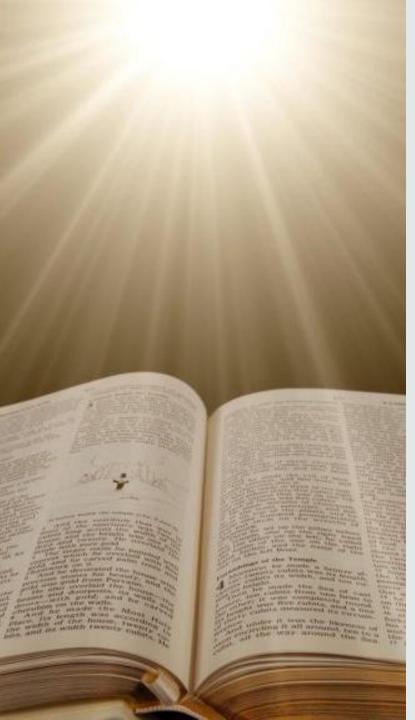
Yes, there is a recommended **way** to read the Bible

Pray

Ask God for guidance - the Holy Spirit's direction

- Read
- Write down questions

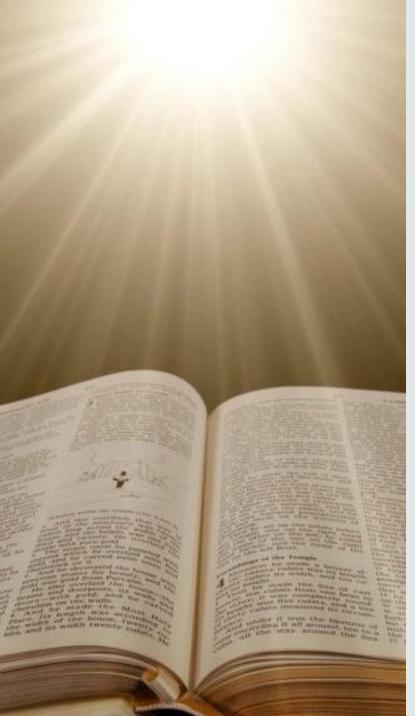
Bring them to class, study Bible, commentaries



How to Read the Bible

Things to remember while reading

- God is speaking, not man
- It's all about Jesus Christ
- First use the Bible to interpret the Bible
 - God (the Bible) does not lie or err
 - Context
 - Law and Gospel
 - Promises



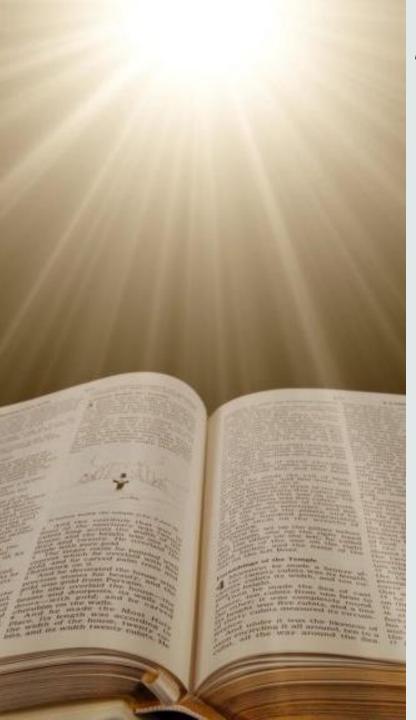
Brief History of the Bible

Compiled and written by about 40 different authors

Written over 1500 years (about 1450 BC to about 100 AD)

Written on 3 continents (Asia, Africa, Europe)

Written by kings and commoners, by sages and sceptics



Brief History of the Bible

The Bible was initially oral (passed down by word of mouth)

Originally written in Hebrew, Aramaic (a little) and ancient Greek

First written on stone and animal skin (vellum)

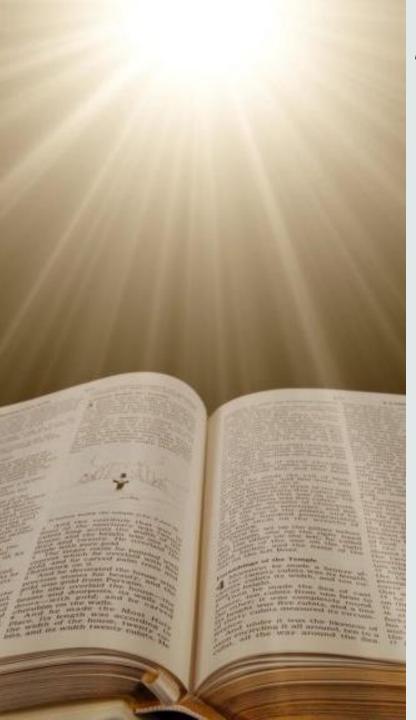
Much later it was written on parchment



Brief History of the Bible

It was passed down and spread through hand copying by scribes for the first 2 thousand years

Yet we have more early copies of the
Bible - Old and New Testament - than any
other ancient writing (by a lot), and the
copies are closer to the dates of the
original writings



Brief History of the Bible

Example:

The significance of the Dead Sea Scrolls

The King James Version of the Bible



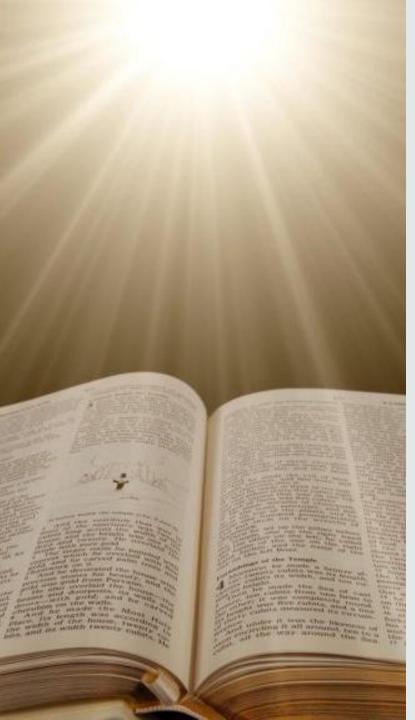
Brief History of the Bible

What is Canon and why?

The books of the Old testament were selected by the Jewish religious authorities shortly after their return from exile

But they were selected based on common use (i.e., Enoch)

There was and is very little disagreement over what is canon in the OT

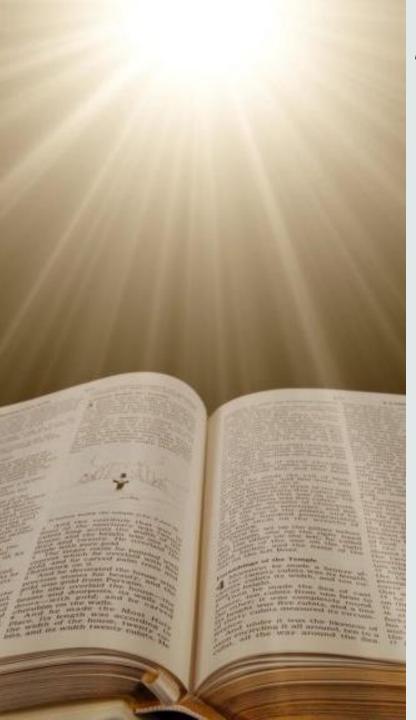


Brief History of the Bible

The books of the New Testament were never "selected" by the Christian Church but were agreed upon by common use.

The myths surrounding the Council of Nicaea

- 325 AD in Nicaea
 - Constantine
- Irenaeus about 180 AD



Why We can Trust the Bible

It is the very Word of God

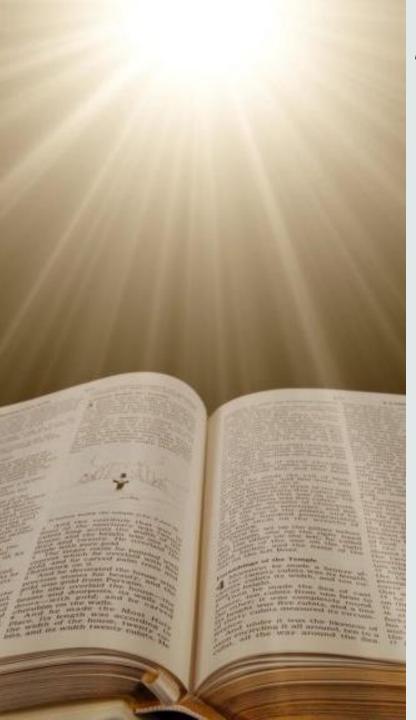
It's been preserved down through the ages

History backs up the Bible

Science backs up the Bible







Why We can Trust the Bible

The Bible is Truth

This God-his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him. Psalm 18:30

[Jesus said] Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Matthew 24:35

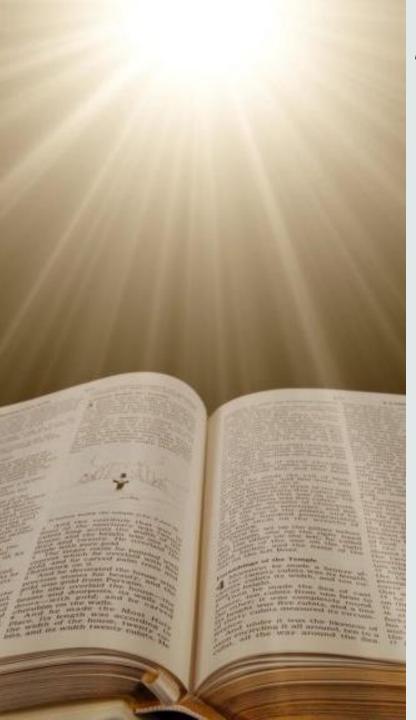


Why We can Trust the Bible

Apologetics

Unlike other religions' scripture, the Bible is filled with history - verifiable history.

Our God walks through history boldly.
You would expect to see footprints of that stroll. History, archeology, science, anthropology show us those footprints, as if the Bible wasn't enough.



Next Week

Genesis



What is

