

- ✓ Time with Jesus through Personal Study is foundational to knowing Him

Matthew 14:14-17 (NLT): Jesus saw the huge crowd as He stepped from the boat, and He had compassion on them and healed their sick. That evening the disciples came to Him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away so they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves." But Jesus said, "That isn't necessary—you feed them." "But we have only five loaves of bread and two fish!" they answered.

- ✓ Personal Study is not optional for a Christian, it is essential.

Apologetics: An 'educated' defense of the Christian faith.

- ✓ The Bible is Historically Credible.
- ✓ The Bible is Historically Accurate.

"Archeology is a vast subject today, having specialized faculties, institutions, textbooks and specialized journals all around the world. In the last century rationalist critics were of the general opinion that with the growth of this subject, the Bible will be disproved and rejected eventually. But just the opposite has happened. Things disputed by the critics have turned out to be the way they are described in the Bible. The Bible history was confirmed like no other ancient book in the world. Also, there have been many cases when the wrong notions of the archeologists were corrected by the Bible. There is at least one case in which a non-Christian archeologist became a Christian when he saw the amazing accuracy of the Bible."

- ✓ The Bible was written down by Eye Witnesses

1 John 1: 1-4, (NLT): 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. 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. 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. We are writing these things so that you may fully share our joy.

- ✓ The Bible comes from God

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT) 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. God uses it to prepare and equip His people to do every good work.

2 Peter 1:20-21 (NLT) Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding, or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God.

The Bible is a combination of 66 books, written by 40 different authors, in 3 different languages (Hebrew, Greek, Aramaic), from 3 different Continents (Asia, Africa and Europe) over the span of 1500 years and from start to finish it tells the same story

John 17:3 (NAS) And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.