

What is my favorite story in the Bible...
Impossible to answer.

2 Kings 2:23-24 *"Elisha left Jericho and went up to Bethel. As he was walking along the road, a group of boys from the town began mocking and making fun of him. "Go away, baldy!" they chanted. "Go away, baldy!" Elisha turned around and looked at them, and he cursed them in the name of the Lord. Then two bears came out of the woods and mauled forty-two of them."*

The message:

#1 Don't diss God's man

Baldy?

#2 Don't diss God's plan

Bethel was rebelling against God's will for their people.

Why I love the Word of God

#1 It removes Depression

Jn 15:11 *"I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!"*

#2 It gives Direction

Heb 4:12 *"the word of God is alive and powerful"*

2 Tim 3:16 *"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."*

#3 It stands Inspection

-There are 5,366 copies of the Bible dating from the time it was written to just 70 years afterwards.

Dispelling myth of verbal passing of The Bible...it was written!

-Historians used to say that Solomon couldn't have had the horses the Bible says he had, but then thousands of horse stables were found in an archeological dig.

-1,500 years on 3 different continents by 40 different authors from every walk

-Science Isa 40:22, *'God is enthroned above the sphere of the earth.'*

2600 the Bible said the world is not flat. It's a sphere. It's a globe

#4 It validates by Introspection

The best proof for the is the Bible

Ps 33:4 *"The Word of the Lord is right and true"*

Prov 30:5 *"Every word of God is flawless"*

2 Pet 1:21 *"No prophecy ever originated from humans. Instead, it was given by the Holy Spirit as humans spoke under God's direction"*

Jesus talked about Moses, Elijah, Jonah, Noah...

Born of a Virgin Isa 7:14 Matt 1:25
Born in Bethlehem Micah 5:2 Matt 2:1-2
Anointed by the Spirit Isa 11:2 Matt 3:16
Rides Triumphantly on Donkey Zech 9:9 John 12:14-15
Betrayed By Friend Ps 41:9 Matt 26:48-49
Silent Before Accusers Isa 53:7 Matt 27:12
Beaten and Spat Upon Isa 50:6 Matt 26:67
Cast Lots for Clothing Ps 22:18 John 19:23-24
Crucified With Criminals Isa 53:12 Mark 15:27
Given Vinegar to Drink Ps 69:21 John 19:28-30
Forsaken By God Ps 22:1 Matt 27:46
Pierced For Our Sins Isa 53:5 John 19:34-35
His Bones Will Not Be Broken Ps 34:20 John 19:33
The Day Turns Dark Amos 8:9 Matt 27:45
He Will Rise Again Ps 118:17-18 Mark 16:6-8

#5 It answers Salvation

1 Jn 2:5 *"But if anyone obeys his word, love for God[a] is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him"*
Rom 10:28 *"Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by The Word of God."*