

Message: Is God Fake News Week 3 – How Reliable Is The Bible?

Scripture: 1 Timothy 3:15 (LB)

"The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives; it straightens us out and helps us do what is right." 1 Timothy 3:16 (LB).

Five Areas Of Study To Check The Reliability Of The Bible

1. HISTORY OF THE BIBLE

Criteria 1: How much time separates the earliest manuscript from the original?

Criteria 2: How many existing manuscripts are available for comparison?

2. UNITY OF THE BIBLE

3. ACCURACY OF THE BIBLE

- **Accurate history-**
- **Accurate eyewitness accounts**

"For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty." 2 Peter 1:16

- **Accurate predictions (prophecy)**

333 prophecies concerning the coming of Christ and every single one has been fulfilled.

4. SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE THAT SUPPORTS THE BIBLE

"Since earliest times, men have seen the earth and sky and all God made and have known of His existence." Romans 1:20

5. RESURRECTION OF JESUS FROM THE DEAD

"Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built." Luke 6:47-48

"If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith." 1 Corinthians 15:13-14

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the event that sparked the movement that eventually brought us the Bible.

"Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4

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