

Living Proof: Can we believe the Bible...

Since the beginning of time, mankind has been in search of truth. Why am I here? What is life? Where did life begin? Is there a God? What is true and real? And, where is the proof? These questions of life have been asked by every generation to ever live. Our faith and eternity find their source and depend on the accuracy of the Bible. Indeed, all of our hope is written in Scripture.

Jesus said in John 17:17, "Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth."

But, how can we know for sure that it is true? The proof is abundant in the ancient texts, physical evidence in archaeology, and in the living proof of those who have been its witnesses. We will search all of this evidence and see that it is true. But, the best evidence is your life transformed as living proof that Jesus lives. Let's find that truth together!

How do you prove something is real and true today? Look for the evidence?

- Written evidence

- Biblical Sources: Dead Sea Scrolls (200 BC to 70 AD)
- Non-Biblical Sources: Josephus, Tacitus, Pliny the Younger, Suetonius, Lucian of Samosata, Mara Bar Serapion, Phlegon of Tralles, Babylonian Talmud, Celsus

- Archaeological evidence

- Every city and all of the names

- Tangible evidence

- Eyewitness accounts and lives changed

The Bible is True – Written by Eyewitnesses.

1 Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, 2 just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, 3 it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, 4 that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught. (Luke 1:1-4)

The Bible is True – Breathed by God.

16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, (2 Timothy 3:16)

The Bible is True – Truth Changes People.

24 This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true. (John 21:24)

Jesus is the only Way, Truth, and Life. Choose Him today!

The Second Mile: *Going Beyond Sunday*

Let's dig deeper together to see how God is calling and equipping each of us to reach the lost.

Monday – The Bible is true. Why do you believe it to be true? What evidence is most convincing to you?

Tuesday – The Bible is true. Many in scripture and life have asked God for more proof. "Show me God and I will believe." Have you ever said this? What else would it take to convince you?

Wednesday – The evidence is abundant and overwhelming. But, the best evidence is what a person sees and experiences personally. What evidence have you seen to prove that God is real?

Thursday – Jesus was seen by hundreds after His Resurrection. He is living proof. The disciples presented the truth all the way to their deaths. They were living proof. How does your life prove that Jesus lives and that you have been transformed by His grace?

Friday – There is no substitute for truth. How can it be true that, "the truth shall set you free"?