

SERIES: **MYTH BUSTERS** - WHEN FAITH MEETS THE HARD QUESTIONS

# CAN WE TRUST THE BIBLE?

## HOW WE KNOW THE BIBLE IS RELIABLE

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UNLEASHED  
CHRISTIAN  
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TEACHING NOTES

The better question: **What reasons do we have to trust it?**

### **I Thessalonians 5:20-22** (NLT)

Do not scoff at prophecies, but *test everything that is said*. Hold on to what is good. Stay away from every kind of evil.

### **II Timothy 3:16** (NASB)

All Scripture is ***inspired by God*** and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness...

Now that's a **BIG CLAIM**...  
**Is there any reason to believe it?**

## **THE BIBLE IS CONSISTENT & PRESERVED**

### **Isaiah 40:8** (NASB)

The grass withers, the flower fades,  
But the word of our God stands forever.

*If the Bible was changed,  
we'd see it in the copies—but we don't.*

## **THE BIBLE IS VERIFIED BY HISTORY & ARCHAEOLOGY**

### **Luke 1:3-4** (NLT)

Having carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I also have decided to write an accurate account for you, most honorable Theophilus, so you can be certain of the truth of everything you were taught.

**The Bible is not mythology—**  
it's rooted in real places, real people, real events.

## **THE BIBLE PROVES ITSELF THROUGH TRANSFORMED LIVES**

### **II Timothy 3:16-17** (NASB)

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for *teaching*, for *reproof*, for *correction*, for *training in righteousness*; so that the man of God may be *adequate*, *equipped* for every good work.

**Don't just question the Bible...Test it.**  
*Read it. Apply it. See what happens.*

### **Hebrews 4:12** (NASB)

For the word of God is living and active...

**You can trust the Bible because it comes from God,  
holds together over time, is confirmed in history,  
and still changes lives today.**

## **NEXT WEEK: DOES SCIENCE DISPROVE THE BIBLE?**

*We're so glad you joined us. If you would like more information about God,  
Jesus and the Bible, please talk with any of our church leaders.  
**Thank you for joining us!***