
Communion: The Gospel of the Kingdom

Then Jesus said, “Come to me, **all** of you who are **weary** and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you. — **Matthew 11:28-30**

In Communion, we:

1. PROCLAIM the Gospel of the Kingdom

- Prophetic Worship
- Spiritual Unity

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4. The Bible Has Been RELIABLY Preserved

- Matthew 24:35
 - God's Word is eternal—unchanged by time or shifting worldviews.
 - Despite persecution and attempts to destroy it, the Bible remains the most printed, translated, and studied book in human history.²
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5. Archaeological Evidence AFFIRMS Biblical Accounts

- The **Dead Sea Scrolls** (1947) confirmed the accuracy of Old Testament transmission.
 - Excavation of **Jericho**, **David's palace**, **Pontius Pilate inscription**, and the **Pool of Bethesda** all confirm biblical references.
 - Over 25,000 archaeological finds are directly related to Bible places, people, and events.³
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6. Prophecy CONFIRMS the Bible's Supernatural Origin

- The Bible contains **hundreds of prophecies** fulfilled with remarkable precision:
 - Jesus fulfilled **over 300 messianic prophecies**, including His birth, life, death, and resurrection.⁴
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7. The Bible TRANSFORMS Lives and Cultures

- Beyond intellectual credibility, the Bible demonstrates **spiritual power**:
 - It convicts, comforts, corrects, and guides.
 - Lives are transformed—from individuals to entire nations—by its truth.⁵
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Resources

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Common Objections and Honest Questions

1. Isn't the Bible just a book written by men?

A: The Bible is a divine-human book—God used human writers without error to communicate His truth.

2. Hasn't the Bible been changed over time?

A: No. Thanks to thousands of ancient manuscripts, scholars can confidently reconstruct the original texts with over 99% accuracy. The **Dead Sea Scrolls** proved the Old Testament was faithfully preserved for over 1,000 years.

3. Why trust the Bible over other religious texts?

A: Unlike any other text, the Bible contains **fulfilled prophecy** (e.g., messianic prophecies in Jesus). **Historical and archaeological confirmation**. A **coherent message** across 66 books, 40 authors, and 1,500 years—pointing to one Savior.

4. Isn't the Bible full of contradictions?

A: No, most so-called contradictions are misunderstandings of context, culture, or language. When studied carefully, Scripture is found to be internally consistent and harmonious across all major themes.

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TOUGH QUESTIONS, HONEST ANSWERS

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