

**Big idea:** The Bible you hold in your hand is the absolutely trustworthy Word of God. God revealed his Word and preserved his Word. Of this you can be sure.

**I. A problem we can't ignore – John 7:53-8:11**

- A. No comment, TEACH the text
- B. No comment, DON'T teach the text
- C. COMMENT, don't teach the text
- D. Comment, TEACH the text

**II. A solution we can hopefully embrace**

**A. What we KNOW about our Bible**

- 1. We know the Bible is the REVEALED Word of God
- 2. We know the Bible is INSPIRED – breathed out by God
- 3. We know the Bible is TRUE - inerrant
- 4. We know the Bible is AUTHORITATIVE – it's to be obeyed
- 5. We know the Bible has been divinely PRESERVED for centuries

**B. What we know about HOW we got our Bible**

1. We know only the original AUTOGRAPHA were inspired and inerrant
2. We know we have more biblical manuscripts than any other ANCIENT writings
3. We know the copyists were CAREFUL but ERRORS were made
4. We know the art/science of TEXTUAL CRITICISM helps us discover the genuine text
5. We know that no important DOCTRINES are impacted by the variants

C. What we THINK we know about the “woman caught in adultery”

1. Most likely it was NOT in John’s ORIGINAL gospel
2. Most likely it’s a TRUE story
3. The church has largely TRUSTED the passage

### III. What we take away...

The Bible is special because it’s God’s truth. It testifies to the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. It transforms our lives. Read it daily and you will be changed!

(Great resource for textual matters – Wes Huff at [www.wesleyhuff.com](http://www.wesleyhuff.com))