

TAKE HOME SHEET



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There are several helpful books for gaining a better understanding and confidence in the Bible. For example:

More than a Carpenter
By: Josh McDowell

Evidence that Demands a Verdict
By: Josh McDowell

The Case for Christ
By: Lee Strobel

The Case for Faith
By: Lee Strobel

Another great resource is the Museum of the Bible here in DC. At the museum, you can explore the history of the Bible in great detail. For more information, go to:
<https://www.museumofthebible.org/>

Along with good resources, we need to regularly and prayerfully read and learn the teachings of the Bible. The Bible is intended to help us learn and develop a growing faith that informs all our beliefs, thoughts, and actions.

If you aren't currently using a plan for reading and learning the Bible, please check out New Hope's Bible Reading Plan at <https://newhope.org/brp/>.

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NLT – New Living Translation
NIV – New International Version

MESSAGE NOTES



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¹⁵ And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. ¹⁶ But do this in a gentle and respectful way.
1 Peter 3:15–16 (NLT)

The Bible is different from all other religious writings.

¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. ¹⁷ God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.
2 Timothy 3:16–17 (NLT)

SEVEN UNIQUE QUALITIES OF THE BIBLE

1. The Bible's inspiration.
2. The Bible's continuity.
3. The Bible's circulation.

4. The Bible's preservation.

5. The Bible's teaching.

6. The Bible's influence.

7. Most important is the Bible's endorsement!

People need more than bread for their life; they must feed on every word of God.
Matthew 4:4 (NLT)

...the Scripture cannot be broken.
John 10:35 (NIV)

TWO COMMONLY RAISED ISSUES

1. *"Is the Bible accurate and reliable?"*

Answer: Yes!

There are three common tests for verifying historical writing, including the Bible (Josh McDowell has a lot on this).

1. Bibliographical.
2. Internal.
3. External.

2. *"Isn't it full of mistakes and contradictions?"*

Answer: No!

THE KEY ISSUE

Jesus made it clear and simple:

¹⁶ So Jesus told them, "My message is not my own; it comes from God who sent me. ¹⁷ Anyone who wants to do the will of God will know whether my teaching is from God or is merely my own."

John 7:16–17 (NLT)