

— Apologetics —

DEFENDING THE FAITH

LESSON #4: HOW WOULD A LAWYER LOOK AT THE EVIDENCE?

What you will find: Previous lessons looked at how a philosopher or a historian would view the existence of God and historical claims for Christ. This lesson takes a look at a lawyer's view of the Bible.

PART 1 OF VIDEO

The Internal Test: Did the _____ know they were writing _____?

- Did the New Testament writers have the means and the opportunity to record this testimony?
 - Means:
 - Opportunity:
- What motive did the New Testament writers have?



VIDEO BREAK: Discuss together (like lawyers) the Internal Test and how you can still use means, opportunity, and motive.

PART 2

The External Test seeks to find evidence that is _____, that is _____ the New Testament in order to compare it to things inside the New Testament to help verify the accuracy of the New Testament.

What are some external sources (outside the Bible) that verify information in the New Testament?

What are some examples of information in the New Testament that would have been very difficult to fake?



VIDEO BREAK: Discuss together (like lawyers) the overwhelming evidence that supports the External Test as it's applied to the New Testament.

PART 3

What is **prophecy**?

What is **typology**?

Why does this lead us to believe in the reliability of the New Testament?

Name some specific prophecies that come true in Christ that could not have been faked.

How did the discovery of the Dead Sea scrolls impact biblical authenticity?



VIDEO BREAK: Discuss the three different forms of prophecies and how we can use them to verify the existence of Christ and trustworthiness of Scripture.



CLOSING THOUGHTS