



TRUTH 1012 Understanding the Bible

II Timothy 3:14-17

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Every person ought to know that the Bible is the Word of God.

I Thessalonians 2:13

And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe.

I. How do I know the Bible is true? _____

- The Bible was the first to tell us that the _____ is _____ in space.
- The Bible was the first to tell us that the earth is _____ and not _____.

Isaiah 40:22

He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in.

Luke 17:34-36

I tell you, on that night two people will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. ³⁵Two women will be grinding grain together; one will be taken and the other left. ³⁶Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left.

II. How do I know the Bible is true? _____

Luke 19:39-40

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" ⁴⁰"I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

- There have been over 25,000 archeological _____ that have validated the _____ of scripture in what it reports.

III. How do I know the Bible is true? _____

- Writings of _____ and _____: 12 copies, the earliest manuscript we have is 1,200 years after the original was written.
- We have over 20,000 copies of the _____ and the earliest copy we have is less than 100 years after the originals were written.
- Research shows that all of the New Testament was _____ and in _____ before the fall of Jerusalem in 70 A.D.
- If you believe the Bible is _____ in what it records, you will have to _____ every other book in ancient history.
- It's not for a lack of _____ that people refute the Bible; it's a lack of _____.

IV. How do I know the Bible is true? _____

II Peter 1:21

For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

- Over 3,000 fulfilled _____ found in _____; a case can be made just from prophecy alone on the inspiration of scripture.
- Jesus _____ over 300 _____ in his birth, life, ministry, death and resurrection.

V. How do I know the Bible is true? _____

Luke 1:1-4

Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, ²just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. ³Therefore, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, it seemed good also to me to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

- The writers of the New Testament had nothing to _____ and everything to _____ if they were writing a dishonest document.
- Would you _____ for a document you know is _____?
- If you were writing a _____ document, why would you cast yourself in a _____ light?

The Bible is not primarily a history book, but it is "His story," God's redemptive story.