



“Is The Bible Really True?”

Hebrews 4:12 and
2 Timothy 3:16-17

Is there really a “standard of truth”
for all to believe and follow?

The Bible Really Is True because...

Reason # 1: It _____ to be the _____ of _____.

(NOTE: Other religions have books that claim divine origin).

- The Bible’s own “claims”
 - ❖ 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 3:15-16; Luke 21:33; Hebrews 4:12

Reason # 2: Its _____ we possess are _____.

- 1) Almost _____ ancient Greek manuscripts (some dating back within 30 years of the original).
- 2) Extensive quotations in letters of early Christians that date to A.D. _____.
- 3) _____ copies in other ancient languages.
- 4) _____ criticism (comparing the manuscripts) reveals that the Old and New Testaments owe have today are virtually _____ to the originals.
- 5) The so-called “contradictions” are fairly easily harmonized as the _____ of eye-witnesses.

Reason # 3: Its accounts are routinely _____ by _____.

- 1) The Pool of Bethesda (John 5:2) was once thought non-historical but has been uncovered in the

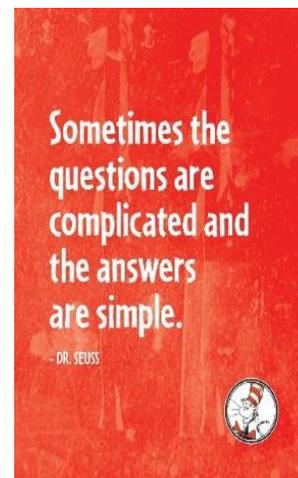
northeast quarter of the Old City.

- 2) Inscriptions confirm the lives of Pontius Pilate, Caiaphas the High Priest, Gallio the proconsul at Corinth (Acts 18:12-17), and scores of artifacts that confirm the biblical record.

Reason # 4: Its truths have been _____ and _____ throughout human history, albeit imperfectly.

- 1) The process of _____ (a “canon” is a “standard, measuring reed” or texts that are viewed as authoritative) was an arduous and lengthy one.
 - (1) Literary _____
 - (2) Eyewitness _____
 - (3) Followers’ _____
 - (4) Believing community’s cross-cultural _____
- 2) Some _____ different authors over _____ years in some 66 “books” in 2 testaments tell One story of the _____ triune God of His _____ plan for His creation— an incredible unity that has resulted in a beautiful diversity that has changed the world _____ believing heart at a time.

God’s Word is a Gift (James 1:17-18)



The Bible is a document
that is reliable...the
question is
“Will I trust and
obey it?”