

# Why You Can Trust the Bible

The Bible is not like any other book. It was written over many centuries, by many human writers, in different places and languages, yet it tells one unified story. That story points to Jesus Christ.

One powerful reason we can trust the Bible is fulfilled prophecy. Old Testament prophets wrote about the coming Messiah hundreds of years before Jesus was born. These prophecies were not guesses. Many were specific and were fulfilled in the life, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

## 1. The Bible Foretold the Coming of Jesus

There are many Old Testament prophecies about Jesus. Some Bible teachers estimate there are more than 300 prophecies about the coming Messiah. Below are a few clear examples.

Prophecy	Old Testament Scripture	Fulfillment	New Testament Scripture	Approximate Time Between
Jesus would be born of a virgin	Isaiah 7:14	Mary, a virgin, gave birth to Jesus	Matthew 1:22-23	About 700 years
Jesus would be born in Bethlehem	Micah 5:2	Jesus was born in Bethlehem	Matthew 2:1-6	About 700 years
Jesus would come from the line of David	Jeremiah 23:5	Jesus came through David's family line	Matthew 1:1	About 600 years
Jesus would enter Jerusalem on a donkey	Zechariah 9:9	Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey	Matthew 21:4-5	About 500 years
Jesus would be betrayed for thirty pieces of silver	Zechariah 11:12-13	Judas betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of silver	Matthew 26:14-16, Matthew 27:3-10	About 500 years
Jesus would suffer for our sins	Isaiah 53:5-6	Jesus died for our sins	1 Peter 2:24	About 700 years
Jesus' hands and feet would be pierced	Psalms 22:16	Jesus was crucified	John 20:25-27	About 1,000 years
Jesus' garments would be divided	Psalms 22:18	Soldiers cast lots for His clothing	John 19:23-24	About 1,000 years
Jesus would rise from the dead	Psalms 16:10	Jesus rose again	Acts 2:25-32	About 1,000 years

**These prophecies show that God was not reacting to history.  
He was directing it.**

## 2. The Bible Says It Is Inspired by God

The Bible does not claim to be merely the words of men. It claims to be the Word of God.

2 Timothy 3:16 says: *“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.”*

The word “inspiration” means that Scripture came from God. God used human writers, but He guided them so that His message was written.

2 Peter 1:21 says: *“For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”*

This means the Bible did not begin with man’s ideas. God moved upon men by the Holy Ghost and gave us His Word.

## 3. Jesus Trusted the Scriptures

Jesus treated the Scriptures as true, authoritative, and trustworthy.

In John 10:35, Jesus said: *“the scripture cannot be broken.”*

In Matthew 4, when Jesus was tempted by Satan, He answered each temptation by saying, *“It is written.”* Jesus trusted the written Word of God and used it as His authority.

If Jesus trusted the Scriptures, so should we.

## 4. God Promised to Preserve His Word

Psalms 12:6-7 says: *“The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation forever.”*

Isaiah 40:8 says: *“The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand forever.”*

God’s Word has been copied, translated, printed, attacked, burned, banned, and mocked. Yet it still stands.

## 5. Many Tried to Destroy the Bible

For centuries, rulers, religious leaders, and governments have tried to silence the Bible. Some banned it. Some burned copies of it. Some punished those who translated it or distributed it.

Many faithful believers suffered greatly to preserve and spread the Word of God. Some were imprisoned. Some were tortured. Some were killed.

William Tyndale was executed for translating the Bible into English. Others risked their lives to copy, print, hide, and distribute Scripture.

Yet no enemy has ever been able to destroy the Bible.

Men have died to protect it. Governments have tried to erase it. Critics have tried to discredit it. But the Word of God continues to be read, preached, translated, memorized, and believed around the world.

## 6. The Bible Changes Lives

Another reason we can trust the Bible is because of what it does in people's hearts.

Hebrews 4:12 says: *"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword."*

The Bible exposes sin, reveals truth, points us to Christ, comforts the hurting, strengthens the weak, and shows sinners the way of salvation.

Millions of people have been changed by the message of Scripture. Drunkards have become sober. Thieves have become honest. The proud have been humbled. The hopeless have found peace. The lost have been saved.

The Bible is not a dead book. It is living truth from the living God.

## How many languages has the Bible been translated into?

As of 2025:

- **776 languages** have the **entire Bible** available.
- **1,798 languages** have the **New Testament** available.
- **1,433 languages** have at least **portions of Scripture** available.
- In total, **over 4,000 languages** have some part of the Bible translated into them.

To put that in perspective:

- There are about **7,400 known languages** in the world.
- Bible translation work is currently active in thousands more languages.
- Bible translators estimate that more than **99% of the world's population** can access at least some portion of Scripture in a language they understand.

This is remarkable when you consider that the Bible began in only three languages:

- **Hebrew** (most of the Old Testament)
- **Aramaic** (small portions of the Old Testament)
- **Greek** (the New Testament)

No other ancient book comes close to the Bible's translation history or worldwide distribution. For more than 2,000 years, believers have carried, copied, translated, printed, smuggled, and distributed Scripture so people could read God's Word in their own language.

A powerful verse related to this is:

*"After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb..."* — Revelation 7:9 (KJV)

Many Christians see the worldwide translation of the Bible as part of God's plan to bring His Word to every nation, tribe, people, and language.

## 7. The Unity of the Bible

The Bible was written over approximately 1,500 years by more than 40 authors from very different backgrounds.

Its writers included:

- Kings
- Prophets
- A tax collector
- Shepherds
- Priests
- Fishermen
- A physician

They wrote in different countries, spoke different languages, and lived centuries apart.

Yet the Bible tells one unified story: God's plan to redeem mankind through Jesus Christ.

Humanly speaking, it is difficult to explain how dozens of writers over fifteen centuries could produce such a unified message without contradiction in its central teachings.

## 8. Archaeology Continues to Confirm the Bible

For many years critics claimed certain people, cities, and events mentioned in the Bible never existed.

Yet archaeological discoveries have repeatedly confirmed details found in Scripture.

Examples include:

- The House of David inscription
- The existence of Pontius Pilate
- The Pool of Bethesda (John 5)
- The Hittite civilization
- The Pool of Siloam (John 9)

Archaeology does not prove every doctrine of the Bible, but it has repeatedly supported the Bible's historical reliability.

## 9. The Bible Is Historically Reliable

The Bible records real people, real places, real rulers, and real events.

Luke begins his Gospel by explaining that he carefully investigated the facts.

Luke 1:3 says: *"It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order."*

The biblical writers consistently present themselves as recording actual events, not legends or fables.

## 10. The Bible Honestly Records Human Failures

Most ancient writings glorify their heroes. The Bible does not.

It records:

- Noah's drunkenness
- David's adultery
- The disciples' weaknesses
- Abraham's failures
- Peter's denial of Christ

This honesty gives credibility to the biblical record. The writers did not attempt to hide the faults of God's people.

## 11. Jesus Rose From the Dead

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the central event of Christianity.

The New Testament records:

- The empty tomb
- Multiple eyewitness appearances
- Hundreds of witnesses
- The transformation of fearful disciples into bold preachers

After Jesus rose from the dead, Thomas initially doubted the reports that Jesus was alive. He said he would not believe unless he personally saw and touched the wounds from the crucifixion.

Eight days later, Jesus appeared to the disciples again, and Thomas was present.

Jesus said to Thomas: *“Reach hither thy finger and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.”* — John 20:27 (KJV)

Thomas then responded: *“And Thomas answered and said unto him, **My Lord and my God.**”* — John 20:28 (KJV)

Jesus did not correct Thomas. Instead, He accepted Thomas’s confession and replied: *“Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed.”* — John 20:29 (KJV)

Paul wrote: *“He was seen of above five hundred brethren at once.”* (1 Corinthians 15:6)

If Jesus truly rose from the dead, then His claims about Scripture carry enormous weight.

## 12. The Bible Speaks to the Human Heart

The Bible accurately describes the human condition.

It explains:

- Why people struggle with sin
- Why guilt exists
- Why suffering exists
- Why people long for meaning
- How a person can be reconciled to God

Millions of people from every culture and generation have found that the Bible speaks directly to their deepest spiritual needs.

## 13. The Bible’s Scientific Statements Have Not Been Proven False

The Bible is not a science textbook, but when it touches on matters related to the natural world, it has not been proven wrong.

For example:

- Isaiah 40:22 speaks of *“the circle of the earth.”*
- Job 26:7 says: *“He hangeth the earth upon nothing.”*

Long before modern science understood gravity and space, the Bible described the earth as suspended in space rather than resting on the back of a giant animal or mythological figure as many ancient cultures believed.

## 14. The Testimony of Changed Lives

Perhaps one of the strongest types of evidence is the countless lives transformed by the Word of God.

For centuries, the Bible has:

- Converted sinners
- Restored families
- Comforted the grieving
- Strengthened believers
- Inspired missionaries
- Changed entire communities

Jesus said: *“Ye shall know them by their fruits.”*

(Matthew 7:16)

The fruit of Scripture has been seen throughout history and continues to be seen today.

## **Conclusion**

We can trust the Bible because it is God’s inspired Word. It foretold the coming of Jesus centuries before He came. It has been preserved through generations of copying, translating, printing, and persecution. It has survived every attempt to destroy it. Most importantly, it points us to Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Saviour of the world.

The Bible has been attacked, but it still stands. It has been questioned, but it still speaks. It has been hated, but it still changes lives.

God gave His Word, God preserved His Word, and God still uses His Word today.