

Q & A series
Bible Authority Part 2
Selected Scriptures

How do we know that the Bible hasn't been tampered with?

What to Consider...

- **Could not be developed _____.**
 - A. _____ **time.**
 - B. **Non-Biblical _____.**

- _____ **stories.**

Conclusion: You can _____ in the truth.

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Message Application:

Today dear friend you were presented with much evidence for Biblical authority. The question is; What are you going to do with the evidence?

I want to challenge you today. Please don't be a lazy Christian. There are people in your life that have been had by Satan. They have believed a professor who taught them half truths or out and out lies about the Christian Scriptures. There are others that are looking for a way to dismiss Jesus or make Jesus into just another moral teacher.

My dear Christian friend, you have been called to know the truth and share the truth even to those who want to suppress the truth! (read 1 Peter 3:15)

This Bible command may make you squirm when you think about obeying it; nevertheless, we are called to know and then to go and share the Truth.

SO ARM YOURSELF WITH THE TRUTH!!!

Grace & Peace,

Wm. Lyons

Supplements to the Sermon:

Are there non-Christian sources that mention Jesus? There are ten known non-Christian writers who mention Jesus within 150 years of his life.

Mara Bar-Serapion on Jesus

Tacitus on Christ

Josephus on Jesus

Suetonius on Jesus

The Talmud on Yeshua (Jesus)

Pliny the Younger on Christians

Thallus

Phlegon of Tralles

Celsus

Lucian of Samosata

Emperor Trajan

From writings of these non-Christian writers we can conclude:

1. Jesus lived during the reign of Tiberius Caesar
2. He lived a virtuous life
3. He was a wonder-worker
4. He had a brother named James
5. He was acclaimed to be the Messiah
6. He was crucified under Pontius Pilate
7. He was crucified on the eve of the Jewish Passover
8. Darkness and an earthquake occurred when he died
9. His disciples believed he rose from the dead.
10. His disciples were willing to die for their beliefs.
11. Christianity spread rapidly as far as Rome.
12. His disciples denied the Roman gods and worshiped Jesus as God.

These non-Christian writers provide proof that Jesus was a real person and that he lived an extraordinary life. Jesus faced a terrible execution. His followers believe he rose again. **THE APOSTLES WEREN'T MAKING UP THE STORY.** They were recording history.

(Taken from *I Don't Have Enough Faith to be an Atheist*, pgs 222-223)

Was the Jesus story based on a myth?

Check out the YouTube videos. Search for *Jesus vs...*