

YOU can trust your BIBLE...

The Gospel of Mark 16:9-20 part 1

Introduction:

#1 Because the Bible is amazingly _____

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AUTHOR	Time Span to Earliest Copy	Number of Copies
Herodotus (480-425 B.C.) Greek Historian	1300 years	8
Plato (428-347 B.C.)	1200 years	7
Aristotle (384-322 B.C.)	1400 years	5
Caesar (100-44 B.C.) Golic Wars	1000 years	10
New Testament	10 yrs. from John's death AD 100 [fragment P-52] 110 yrs. [Bodmer Papyri] John and Luke 110 yrs. [Chester Beatty Papyri] 4 gospels and Acts 210 yrs. [Sinaiticus] Entire New Testament 210 years [Vaticanus] Entire Bible	25,000

A.T. Robertson, "The vast array of manuscripts has enabled textual scholars to accurately reconstruct the original text with more than 99.9 percent accuracy."

Eyewitnesses

Luke 1:1 *Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile an account of the things accomplished among us, 2 just as they were handed down to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, 3 it seemed fitting for me as well, having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write it out for you in consecutive order, most excellent Theophilus; 2 Peter 1:16 we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty 1 John 1:3 what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son John 19:35 And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe.*

Acts 2:22 *"Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know—Acts 26:24 Festus said in a loud voice, "Paul, you are out of your mind! Your great learning is driving you mad." 25 But Paul said, "I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but I utter words of sober truth. 26 "For the king knows about these matters, and I speak to him also with confidence, since I am persuaded that none of these things escape his notice; for this has not been done in a corner.*

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Eusebius *The elder [Apostle John] used to say this also; 'Mark having been the interpreter of Peter, wrote down accurately all that he [Peter] mentioned, whether sayings or doings of Christ, not, however in order. ... Mark made no mistake... for he paid attention to this one thing, not to omit anything that he had heard, not to include any false statement among them*

Irenaeus, *Matthew published his Gospel among the Hebrews in their own tongue, when Peter and Paul were preaching the gospel in Rome and founding the church there. Mark the disciple and interpreter of Peter, himself handed down to us in writing the substance of Peter's preaching. Luke, the follower of Paul, set down in a book the gospel, preached by His teacher. Then John, the disciple of the Lord, who also leaned on his breast, himself produced his gospel, while he was living at Ephesus in Asia*

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Hebrews 4:12 *For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

Romans 10:17 *faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ*

John 17:17 *Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.*

2 Peter 1:20 *know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, 21 for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.*

2 Timothy 3:16 *All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness:*

1 Peter 2:2 *long for the pure milk of the word*

Job 23:12 *treasure the words of His mouth more than my necessary food*

Psalms 119:105 *Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.*

Philippians 3:8 *I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord ...*

#5 Because the BIBLE is amazingly _____

Ezekiel 26

1-Many nations will rise against Tyre in waves like the sea v3

2-Tyre will be made bare like a flat rock v4

3-Fishermen will dry their nets there v5

4-Nebuchadnezzar will destroy the mainland city of Tyre v7-8

5-All Rubble of the city will be cast into the sea v12

6-Tyre will never be rebuilt v14

#6 Because the BIBLE is amazingly _____

A _____ it, study it, and meditate on the BIBLE faithfully?

B Seek to _____ the BIBLE zealously? James 1:22 *prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. Matthew 7:21 Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. Luke 6:46 "Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? Luke 8:21 But He answered and said to them, "My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it." 1 John 2:4 The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;*

C Do you _____ on the BIBLE wholeheartedly?

D Do you _____ the BIBLE relationally?

1 Corinthians 2:14 *But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.*

_____ GOD'S TRUTH