

Summer Road Trip: A Journey into the Bible
Sundays Part 4 – Reliable Transportation: Can We Trust the Bible?

Reason 1: The Bible Says So – INTERNAL Evidence

We constantly have the Biblical writers referring to other Biblical writings as ‘scripture’ or ‘inspired’ and we have prophets who claimed to be speaking words inspired by God (the ‘word of the Lord came to...’)

Reason 2: The Fulfilled PROPHECIES in the Bible

The Bible contains thousands of prophecies fulfilled with uncanny precision, including 300 specific prophecies in the Old Testament written over hundreds of years that are fulfilled in detail in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. The mathematical probability of this is almost impossible.

Reason 3: The UNITY of the Bible

Even as diverse as the Bible is, there is an amazing unity of its story, unity of its teaching, and unity of its contents. There are over 63,770 cross references throughout the whole of the Bible!

Reason 4: The Historical, Geographical, and Archeological ACCURACY of the Bible

The writings of the Bible present themselves in the midst of history (people, places, events), when we test the accuracy of these things we find that they get these things right. Archeological discoveries have proven many details in the Bible that were once thought to be ‘made up’

Reason 5: The EYEWITNESS Accounts in the Bible

The Bible presents a compelling case from eyewitnesses. Two of the Gospel writers (Matthew and John) were disciples of Jesus, Mark was a companion of Peter (a disciples of Jesus), and Luke claims that what was handed down to him were eyewitness accounts (Luke 1:2).

Reason 6: The Reliability of the Biblical MANUSCRIPTS

The Old and New Testament Manuscripts give evidence that we can trust the Bible. We have thousands of copies, written not long after the events happened, and they all agree with almost 100% accuracy. Any variants among the manuscripts do not change or affect any doctrine or teaching in the Bible.

Reason 7: Jesus TRUSTED the Scriptures

Jesus constantly quotes from the Hebrew Bible, references people, places, and events from the Hebrew Bible and refers to the Hebrew Bible as: The Word of God, Scriptures, and the Commands of God.

Reason 8: The RESURRECTION of Jesus Validates the Bible

One of the main reasons that we treat the Bible as ‘the Word of God’ and consider it truthful is the fact that Jesus raised from the dead. Without the resurrection, we would probably treat these writings as any other obscure writings from the ancient world.