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The
Case for
the BIBLE

John 20:28 - 31



1. It has survived the centuries.

A. 66 books in ONE “Biblia”:

- OT – 39 books; Hebrew
- NT – 27 books; Greek

B. 40 authors, 1500+ years.

C. One central message.



2. Attested by multiple sources.

A. “Bibliographical test” –

- 5,795 existing manuscripts
- Homer’s Iliad – 1,797 manuscripts.

B. Archaeological finds.

- Dead Sea Scrolls
- St Catherine’s Monastery
- (Video – Jerusalem.say.itgain)







3. The great cost endured by people to get it to us.

- Vulgate – AD 397, Greek to Latin.**
- AD 1405 – John Wycliffe. Latin to English.**
- AD 1534 – William Tyndale. Greek to English.**
- William Tyndale Video**



4. The pain-staking effort to preserve its original message over the centuries.

(Video – “archaeological.study.bible)

A. Textual criticism:

- A branch of textual scholarship whose purpose is to bring us the most accurate translation of the Bible based upon the earliest writings



5. It promises life to those who read it.

- Jn. 20:30-31 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Bibliographical Test

<u>Author</u>	<u>Work</u>	<u>1st Written</u>	<u>Year of Oldest Extant Copy</u>	<u>Time Gap</u>	<u># MSS</u>
1. Homer	Iliad	800 BC	400 BC	400 yrs	1,757
2. Herodotus	History	480–425 BC	AD 10th Ct	1350 yrs	109
3. Caesar	Gallic Wars	100-44 BC	AD 9th Ct	950 yrs	251
4. NT	Bible	AD 50-90	AD 130	<u>40+ yrs</u>	<u>5,795</u>