



Questions We Ask

Is the Bible reliable?

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right"
(2 Tim. 3:16).

One of the most important questions asked by non-Christians as they look into Christianity is whether or not the Bible is trustworthy. What about it? Can the Bible be trusted? Many people dismiss the Bible as an outdated book of the past that couldn't possibly remain applicable to modern life.

Have you ever been in a discussion with an unbeliever who argued against the validity of the Bible? How did you respond?

Have you ever seen someone use arguments against the Bible as a smoke screen to avoid the implications of its teachings in his or her life?

Mark Twain once said, "It ain't those parts of the Bible that I can't understand that bother me, it is the parts that I do understand."

We must agree. There are some things in the Bible that are hard to understand; sometimes they are just hard to obey, but just because parts of the Bible may be difficult, or unclear does not mean it's not true. The Bible is an eternal book. It is timeless and always timely. Jesus knew His Bible, freely quoted the Bible, and constantly referred to it. The Bible was on Jesus' lips because it was in His heart. He treated it as completely reliable. He was the Word made flesh.

In the end, the Bible is a book for you, but it's not about you. It's a book about Jesus for you and reading it will not only give us information but also help us experience transformation. You might not think the Bible says anything about your struggles. But if you dig deeper, you may find that the Bible actually knows you better than you know yourself.

No human being could ever invent Scripture. If we did, Scripture would sound like a curious blend of self-help books and ancient myths, with a dash of philosophy—which it does not.

Instead, we find that the Bible was written over a span of 1500 years by forty different God-inspired human authors in three different languages on hundreds of subjects. It can be supported historically, archaeologically, prophetically, and through changed lives. There is one consistent, noncontradictory theme that runs through it all: *God's redemption of humankind.*

John 5:39

Search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.

In the past, how have you faced questions you've had about the Bible? What has most helped you?

How do Paul's words to Timothy in 2 Timothy 3:16 affect your own commitment to learn and study Scripture?