

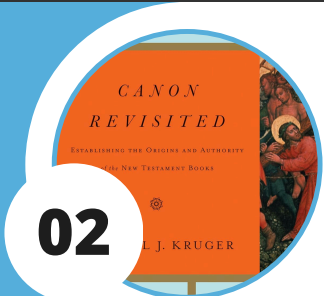
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Dr Amy Orr-Ewing

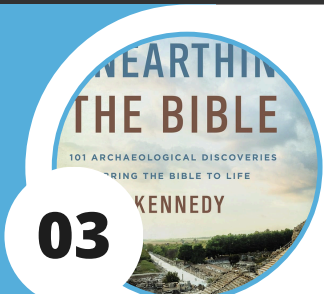
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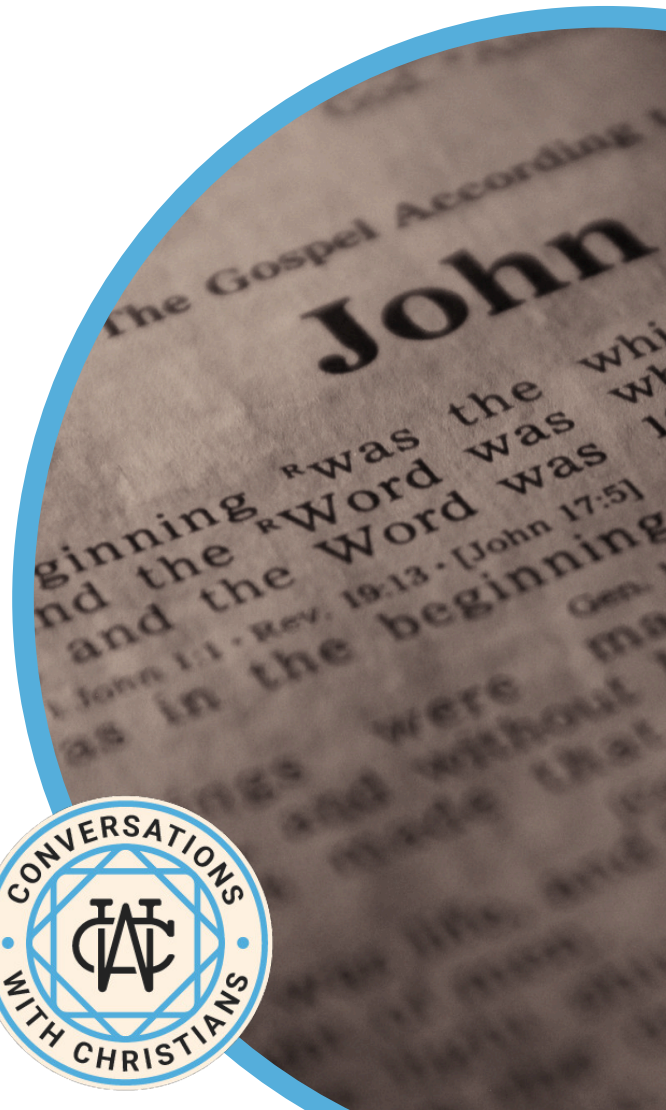
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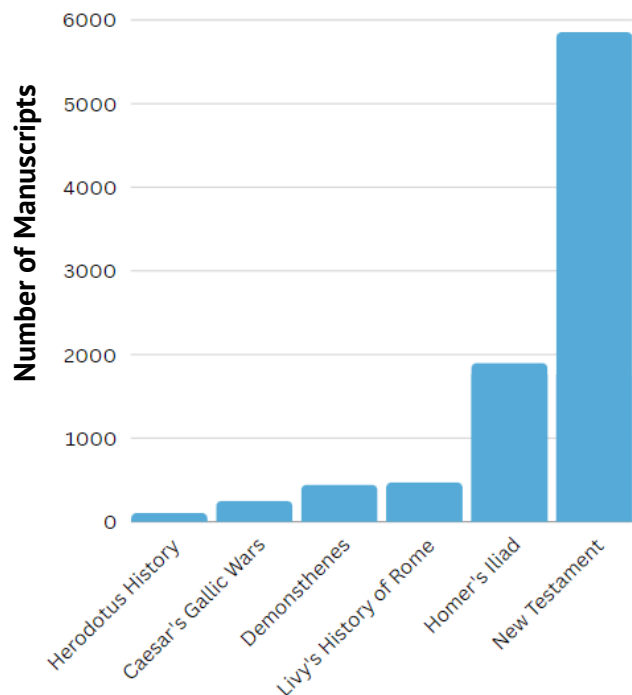
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BIBLE RELIABILITY

101 Important things to know about why we can trust the Bible



There is more manuscript evidence (in the original language alone) for the New Testament than any historical work of antiquity:



"If you could stack up all handwritten manuscripts of the New Testament – Greek, Syriac, Latin, Coptic, all languages...it would be the equivalent of 4 & 1/2 Empire State Buildings stacked on top of each other"

Dr. Dan Wallace
Center for the Study of
New Testament Manuscripts



Supporting Evidence for The Gospels

Consistent Authorship

The evidence strongly suggests that the names we are familiar with today (Matthew, Mark, etc) are in fact the original authors. The gospels are only anonymous in so far as the authors do not explicitly mention their names within the text.

No Motivating Factors

The authors and eyewitnesses didn't stand to gain anything from producing the text. No money, power, or sex (the usual criminal motivations)

Free Transmission

The Gospels were freely transmitted. No centralized authority ever had total control over how the copies were made, or who was allowed to copy them. It would have been impossible to have made controlled edits.

Embarrassing Details

The Gospels contain many details that would have worked *against* someone trying to pass off a made up story as believe.

Textual Criticism

Textual Criticism is the science of studying historical manuscripts in order to reconstruct the message of the original documents. Scholars can compare manuscripts and provide us with great confidence that the text we have today, is what was written in the first century.

Challenge Yourself!

Think about how would you respond to each of the questions below...

Even though differences in manuscripts exist, how can we be confident in the text?

There are three groups of verses known to be later additions to the text. Are any doctrines impacted if they were removed?

- Mark 16:9-20
- John 7:53-8:11
- 1 John 5:7-8

