Is It The Word of God?

Greg Kline · 1 Peter 3:15

INTRODUCTION

- In your hearts, honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for reason for the hope that is in you.
- Consider with me the two questions. Is the Bible the Word of God? And secondly, who is Jesus?
- If it's written by different men and those men lived centuries apart, then we would expect it to have a conflicting message.

1 Is Proving the Bible by the Bible Circular Reasoning?

Luke 1:1–4

- We see that the Bible has a unique unity and cohesion of the books that show the Bible had one mind.
- When someone says you can't use the Bible to prove the Bible, they are granting that the Bible is unified. That is a strong point for God's inspiration of the scripture.
- If the Bible reveals that something is true, and another inspired author reveals that something additional is true, is it not possible that it is not contradicting, but working in harmony with one another to give us a full picture?
- To suggest that we should go to other sources to identify whether or not the Bible is from God, is to say that I trust man to tell me if God is so.

2 Only God Can Know the Future

Isaiah 41:21–24; Isaiah 45:1

- What separates the one true and living God from the idols? God knows the future.
- Can any idol that man has ever made tell the future? No.
- If an idea or a person is set forth that says, this is from God, would it not be absolutely true? Would it not absolutely come to pass exactly as it has been foretold?
- What person or idol can possibly tell by name the ruler? Not only that there would be a ruler of that name, but that ruler would free his people. God can.

3 Ten Biblical Prophecies That Answer the Question

Isaiah 40:3; Micah 5:2; Isaiah 7:14

- A voice cries in the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord. Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
- Do you see that not only does it happen, the Bible identifies where it was said that it would happen? That is powerful testimony to the Bible.
- Jesus is identified as being from the root of Jesse. Who's Jesse? The father of David.
- Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall call his name Emmanuel.

4 Where Jesus Would Speak and His Message

Isaiah 9:1–2; Isaiah 61:1–2; Luke 4:16–21

- Jesus fulfilled prophecy, not only in where he was born, but where he would speak and also his message.
- Today the scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.
- Brothers and sisters, Jesus identified himself as the fulfillment of that prophecy.
- Let us not make the mistake of turning away from our most powerful proof. That is the word of God that he has revealed to us.

5 Jesus Is at the Right Hand of God

Isaiah 53; Psalm 110:1; Hebrews 1:13

- The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool.
- This prophecy was not of angels. This was not of men. It was about Jesus the Christ.
- That means that Jesus' kingdom has been established. We can see that in the scriptures. Jesus is reigning now, not in the future to come.
- That prophecy substantiates that it is from God. It is from one mind, despite the fact it was written over a thousand years apart by about 40 different men.

6 Who Is Jesus?

Isaiah 9:6–7; John 8:56–58; Genesis 1:1

- If the Bible is the word of God, then Jesus is real. Jesus came in the flesh. And Jesus has been and is God.
- His name shall be called wonderful counselor, mighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
- These characters are real according to Jesus. That means I can't compromise.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Make your life right with Jesus our King. Make your life right with the one who is at the right hand of God.**

MY NOTES