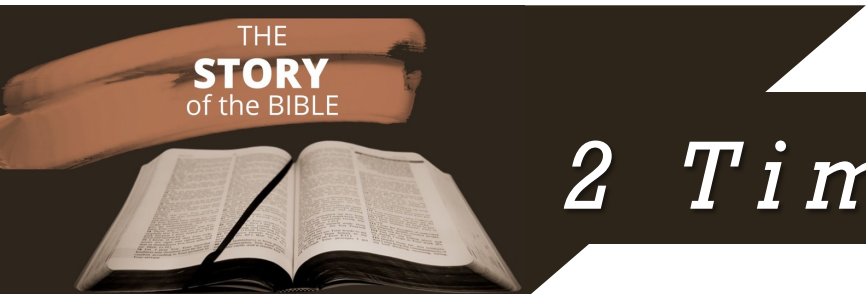


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All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for
teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in
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2 Tim 3:16 (NIV)

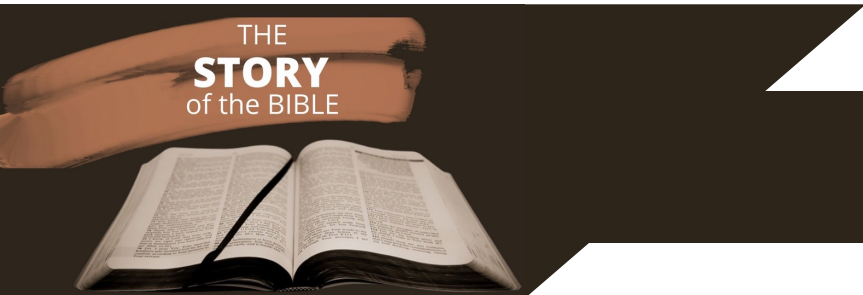
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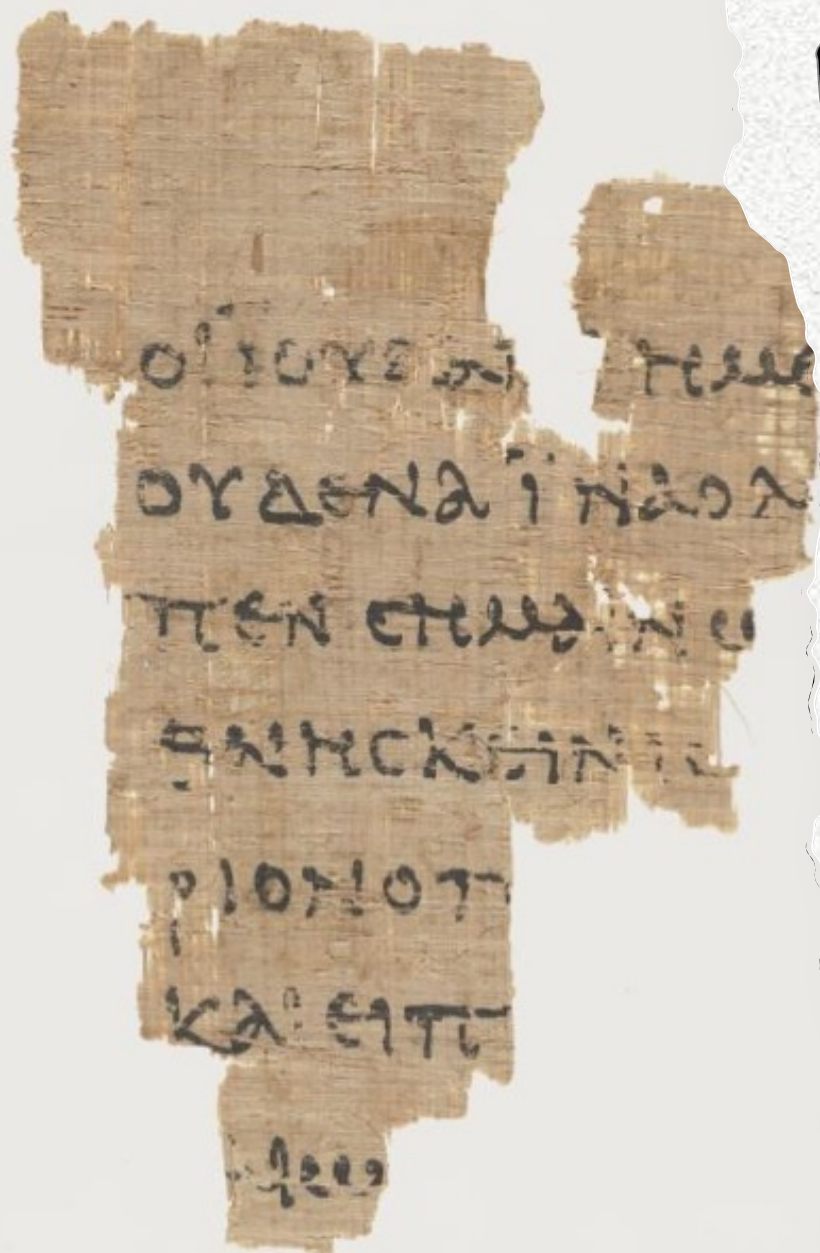
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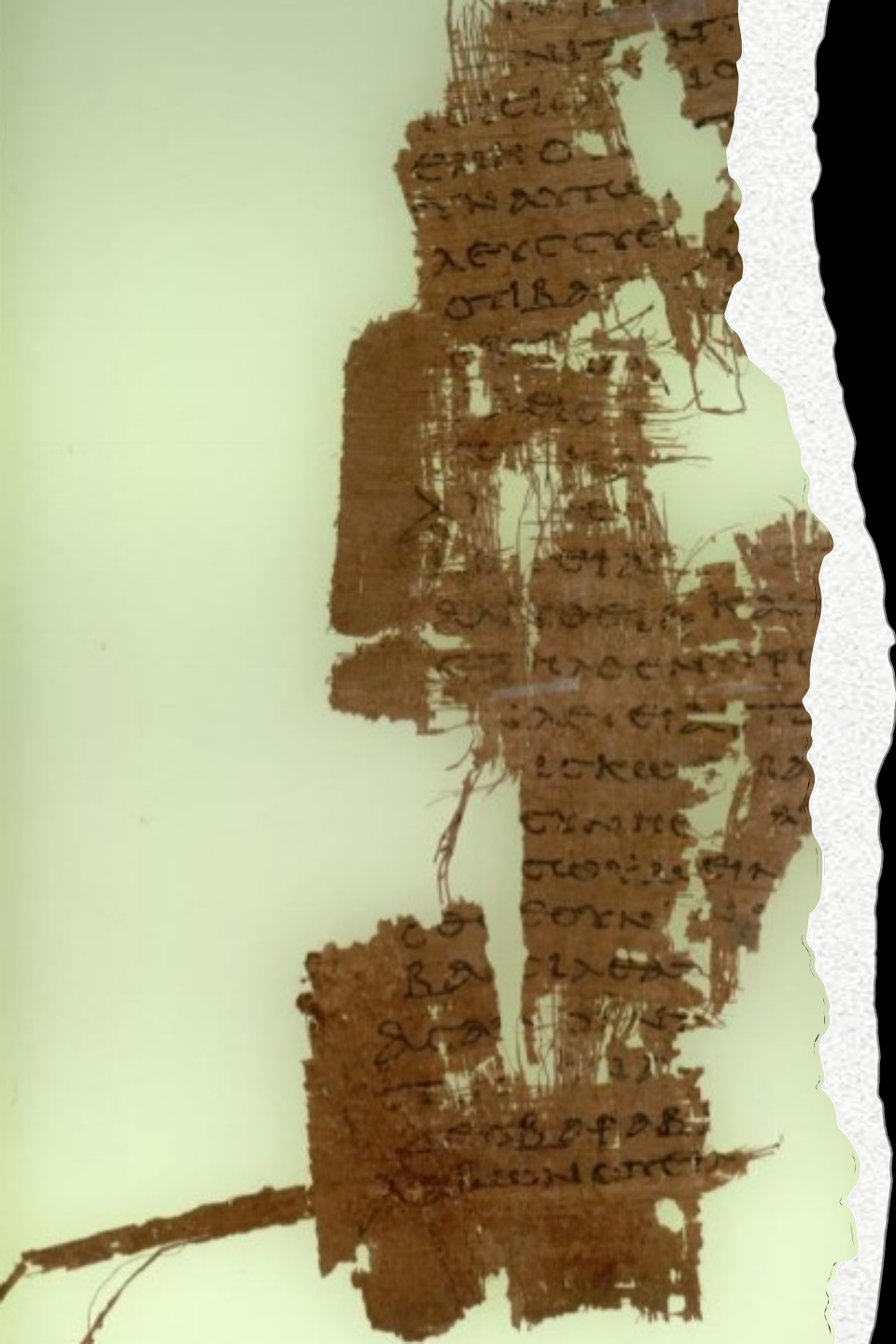
❖ How did we get the scriptures and are they accurate?

οὕτως γὰρ ἠγάπησεν ὁ θεὸς τὸν κόσμον, ὥστε τὸν υἱὸν τὸν μονογενῆ
ἔδωκεν, ἵνα πᾶς ὁ πιστεύων εἰς αὐτὸν μὴ ἀπόληται ἀλλ' ἔχῃ ζωὴν αἰώνιον





- P52, Manuscript of the gospel of John dated to approximately 90 AD-150 AD. Possibly the earliest manuscript we have.



- P90 Manuscript of the gospels from the 2nd Century

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- GA03 or Codex Vaticanus Which is one of the first Sets done by professional Scribes. This was about the time that the church was legalized with Constantine. This is just one of the 142 parchment leaves in Codex Vaticanus.

ὁ = masculine

All 3 mean

The

ἡ = feminine

το = Neuter

the articles main job is to conceptualize something. EX: The good man.

In Greek the article can conceptualize this so rather than saying ~~the good~~

The | good | brother
"ὁ | ἀγαθός | ἀδελφός"

You can say:

"ὁ ἀγαθός"

This works since the article "ὁ" is the

**There are no major issues that
change doctrines essential to the
faith.**

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1 In the beginning was the Word,^a and the Word was with God,^b and the Word was a god.*^c **2** This one was in the beginning with God. **3** All things came into existence through him,^d and apart from him not even one thing came into existence.

What has come into existence **4** by means of him was life, and the life was the light of men. ^e **5** And the light is shining in the darkness,^f but the darkness has not overpowered it.

6 There came a man who was sent as a representative of God; his name was John. ^g 7 This man came as a witness, in order to bear witness about the light, ^h so that people of all sorts might believe through him. 8 He was not that light, ⁱ but he was meant to bear witness about that light.

9 The true light that gives light to every sort of man was about to come into

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John 1

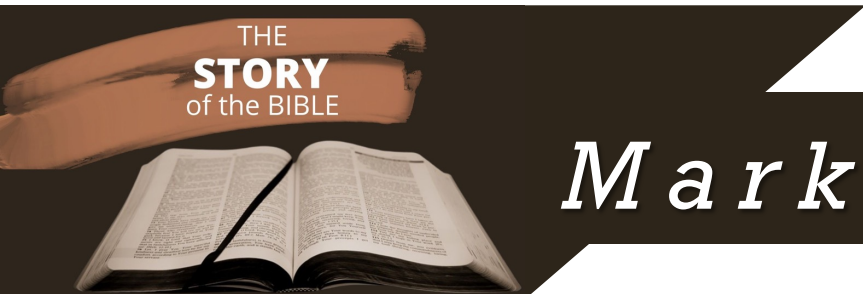
1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

- From the Tyndale Greek New Testament

Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ λόγος, καὶ ὁ λόγος ἦν πρὸς τὸν θεόν, καὶ θεὸς ἦν ὁ λόγος. ² οὗτος ἦν ἐν ἀρχῇ πρὸς τὸν θεόν. ³ πάντα δι' αὐτοῦ ἐγένετο, καὶ χωρὶς αὐτοῦ ἐγένετο οὐδὲ ἓν ὃ γέγονεν. ⁴ ἐν αὐτῷ ζωὴ ἦν, καὶ ἡ ζωὴ ἦν τὸ φῶς τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ⁵ καὶ τὸ φῶς ἐν τῇ σκοτίᾳ φαίνει, καὶ ἡ σκοτία αὐτὸ οὐ κατέλαβεν.

⁶ Ἐγένετο ἄνθρωπος ἀπεσταλμένος παρὰ θεοῦ, ὄνομα αὐτῷ Ἰωάννης. ⁷ οὗτος ἦλθεν εἰς μαρτυρίαν ἵνα μαρτυρήσῃ περὶ τοῦ φωτός, ἵνα πάντες πιστεύσωσιν δι' αὐτοῦ. ⁸ οὐκ ἦν ἐκεῖνος τὸ φῶς, ἀλλ' ἵνα μαρτυρήσῃ περὶ τοῦ φωτός. ⁹ ἦν τὸ φῶς τὸ ἀληθινὸν ὃ φωτίζει πάντα ἄνθρωπον ἐρχόμενον εἰς τὸν κόσμον. ¹⁰ ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ ἦν, καὶ ὁ κόσμος δι' αὐτοῦ ἐγένετο, καὶ ὁ κόσμος αὐτὸν οὐκ ᾔγνω. ¹¹ εἰς τὰ ἴδια ἦλθεν, καὶ οἱ ἴδιοι αὐτὸν οὐ παρέλαβον. ¹² ὅσοι δὲ ἔλαβον αὐτόν, ἔδωκεν αὐτοῖς ἐξουσίαν τέκνα θεοῦ γενέσθαι, τοῖς πιστεύουσιν εἰς τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ, ¹³ οἳ οὐκ ἐξ αἱμάτων οὐδὲ ἐκ θελήματος σαρκὸς οὐδὲ ἐκ θελήματος ἀνδρὸς ἀλλ' ἐκ θεοῦ ἐγεννήθησαν. ¹⁴ καὶ ὁ λόγος σὰρξ ἐγένετο καὶ ἐσκήνωσεν ἐν ἡμῖν, καὶ ἐθεασάμεθα τὴν δόξαν αὐτοῦ, δόξαν ὡς μονογενοῦς παρὰ πατρός, πλήρης χάριτος καὶ ἀληθείας.

Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.



Mark 16:8 (NIV)


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[The earliest manuscripts and some other ancient witnesses do not have verses 9–20.]

⁹ When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene,^v out of whom he had driven seven demons. ¹⁰ She went and told those who had been with him and who were mourning and weeping. ¹¹ When they heard that Jesus was alive and that she had seen him, they did not believe it.^w

¹² Afterward Jesus appeared in a different form to two of them while they were walking in the country.^x ¹³ These returned and reported it to the rest; but they did not believe them either.

¹⁴ Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating; he rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him after he had risen.^y

¹⁵ He said to them, “ Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.^z ¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.^a ¹⁷ And these signs^b will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons;^c they will speak in new tongues;^d ¹⁸ they will pick up snakes^e with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on^f sick people, and they will get well.”

¹⁹ After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven^g and he sat at the right hand of God.^h ²⁰ Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signsⁱ that accompanied it.


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Mark 16:9-20 (NIV)


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[The earliest manuscripts and many other ancient witnesses do not have [John 7:53–8:11](#). A few manuscripts include these verses, wholly or in part, after [John 7:36](#), [John 21:25](#), [Luke 21:38](#) or [Luke 24:53](#).]


8 ⁵³ Then they all went home, ¹ but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.^r

² At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them.^s ³ The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group ⁴ and said to Jesus, “ Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵ In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women.^t Now what do you say?” ⁶ They were using this question as a trap,^u in order to have a basis for accusing him.^v

But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. ⁷ When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “ Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone^w at her.”^x ⁸ Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

⁹ At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. ¹⁰ Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman,  where are they? Has no one condemned you?”

¹¹ “ No one, sir,” she said.

“ Then neither do I condemn you,”^y Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”^z

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John 7:53–8:11 (NIV)

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The truth is not that we have 50% or 75% of the original, the more accurate way of explaining the situation is that we have 100% of the original and 10% additions. The work is about weeding out the additions to get right at 100%.



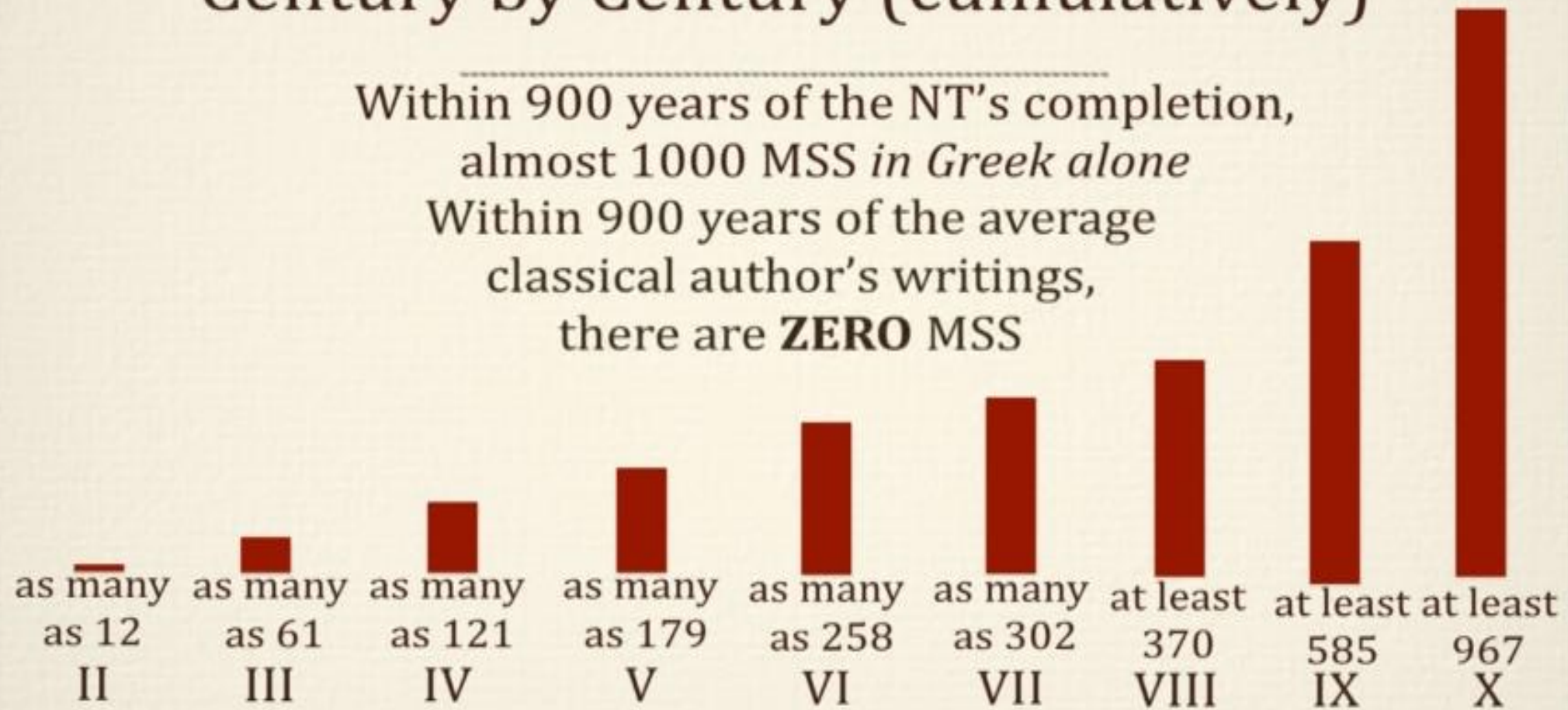
COMPARING ANCIENT MANUSCRIPTS

| ANCIENT WORK | EARLIEST MANUSCRIPT | GAP OF TIME | TOTAL MANUSCRIPTS |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| TACITUS' ANNALS (110 AD) | 850 AD - 1050 AD | 750 YEARS | 36 |
| HERODOTUS HISTORY (400'S BC) | 150-50 BC | 250 YEARS | 106 |
| THUCYDIDES' HISTORY (400'S BC) | 3RD CENTURY BC | 150 YEARS | 188 |
| SOPHOCLES' PLAYS (400'S BC) | 3RD CENTURY BC | 150 YEARS | 226 |
| PLATO'S TETRALOGIES (400'S BC) | 3RD CENTURY BC | 200 YEARS | 238 |
| CAESAR'S GALLIC WARS (50 BC) | 9TH CENTURY AD | 850 YEARS | 251 |
| PLINY NATURAL HISTORY (79 AD) | 5TH CENTURY AD | 400 YEARS | 200+ |
| DEMOSTHENES (300'S BC) | 1ST CENTURY BC | 300 YEARS | 444 |
| LIVY'S HISTORY OF ROME (17 AD) | 4TH CENTURY AD | 300 YEARS | 473 |
| HOMER'S ILIAD (~800 BC) | 415 BC | 400 YEARS | 1,900 |
| NEW TESTAMENT | 125 AD | 30 YEARS | 5,856 |

SOURCE: Institute for New Testament Textual Research (INTTR) Münster, Germany.
Josh McDowell and Sean McDowell, *Evidence that Demands a Verdict* (Updated 2017).

Greek New Testament Manuscripts: Century by Century (cumulatively)

Within 900 years of the NT's completion,
almost 1000 MSS *in Greek alone*
Within 900 years of the average
classical author's writings,
there are **ZERO** MSS



What About Preservation?

Ironically, the idea of a single, perfectly preserved version is indeed a very popular concept: amongst Muslims. This is in fact their view of the Qur'an, but it has never been the view of informed Christianity. In fact, the Islamic assertion of a single, preserved version leads to the inevitable questioning of those who produced it, Uthman, the third Caliph, who burned the sources he used!

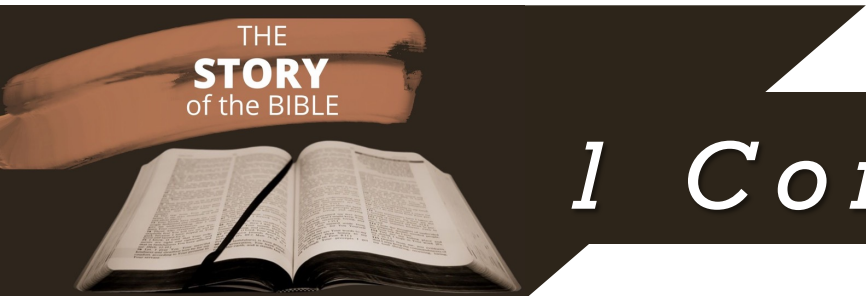
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But if preservation is not to be found in a single manuscript tradition with no variants, how then *has* the text been preserved? It has been preserved through the very mechanism that produced the majority of the textual variants: the rapid, uncontrolled, widespread explosion of manuscripts during the early centuries of the Christian era. Let's look at how it happened:

With all of this being said, we can confidently say the New Testament is reliable beyond doubt and is trustworthy.



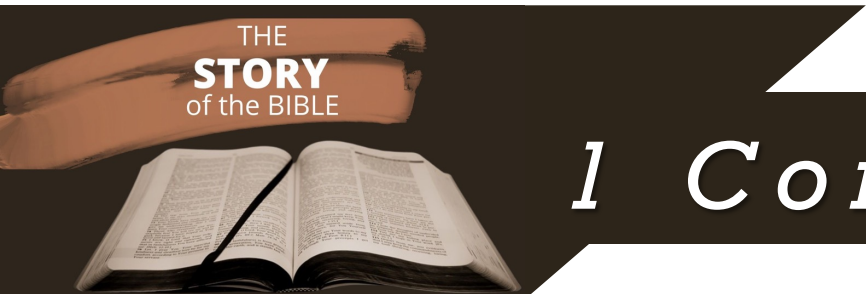
And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either.



1 Cor. 15:14-19 (NIV)

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And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.



1 Cor. 15:14-19 (NIV)

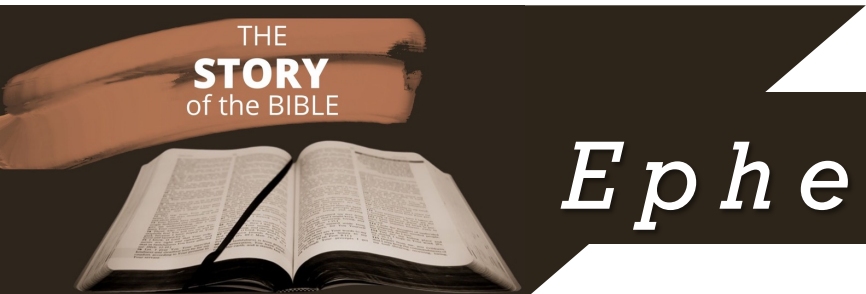
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Why should you be a Christian?

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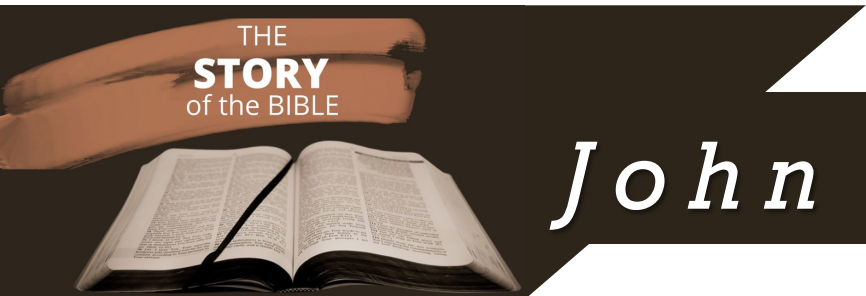
For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.



Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)

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For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.



John 3:16 (NIV)

Community