

Is the Bible Trustworthy?

I. Introduction

II. Objections People Have About the Bible

A. "The Bible we have now isn't even close to the original manuscripts."

1. The Dead Sea Scrolls

a. *The New Testament Documents: Are They Reliable?* by F. F. Bruce

b. *Is the New Testament Reliable?* by Paul Barnett

2. There are over 5,400 manuscripts, of either portions of, or the whole of the New Testament, that were written within 300 years after the events happened.

a. Aristotle - - 1,400 years

b. Tacitus - - 1,000 years

c. Plato - - 1,100 years

3. Textual criticism

4. Archaeology

5. "There has never been an archaeological find, anywhere in the world that has contradicted something in the Bible!" (William Albright)

6. Luke 3:1-2 (NLT) *¹It was now the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius, the Roman emperor. Pilate was governor over Judea; Herod Antipas was ruler over Galilee; his brother Philip was ruler over Iturea and Traconitis; Lysanias was ruler over Abilene. ²Annas and Caiaphas were the high priests. At this time a message from God came to John son of Zechariah, who was living out in the wilderness.*

B. The power of prior commitments

C. The message of the Bible confronts every one of us with the desire to control our own lives.

1. You and I were designed to function under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

III. Conclusion