



SERIES: JANUARY – BECOMING SPIRITUALLY FIT

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Scripture: John 17:17, Psalm 119:160

TITLE: Can You Trust the Bible?

Do you trust the Bible? If you do, why do you trust it? If you're like many Christians, you trust it because it says it is trustworthy. Jesus said in John 17:17, [“Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth.”](#) So Jesus affirms the truthfulness of the Bible.

Psalm 119:160 says, [“The very essence of your words is truth; all your just regulations will stand forever.”](#) The psalmist declares God's Word is true and will remain true forever.

I believe that the Bible is true. Because of its internal testimony with passages like John 17 and Psalm 119. But shouldn't I trust the Bible because it is true? Shouldn't I trust it because it's claims can be confirmed? Of course. Otherwise, it's blind faith. I wouldn't do that with you, a business, or a leader.

Well, the good news for us is that the Bible is true. It is trustworthy. Yes, The Bible is God's Word. And it's also a book of history and prophecy. Why does that matter? Because history can be verified, and prophecies can be debunked.

Some of the world's most unique events are recorded in the Bible, and they can be confirmed.

Did you know that the Exodus escape of the Israelites isn't just a good story with an iconic movie? In 2000 Dr. Moller, while diving in the Red Sea, discovered chariot wheels, axels, and pieces of chariots? In 2015 another group dove and discovered hundreds of artifacts, human and horse remains, armor and armor chariots.

In 2014 a 4,000-year-old clay tablet was revealed describing a world-wide catastrophic flood with details for building an ark to save people and animals.

In 2002, Time magazine wrote an article about “the most important biblical discovery.” What was that? A burial box from the time of Jesus. Inscribed on it was “James, son of Joseph, brother of Jesus.”

I could spend hours talking about the historical evidences for the Bible. But history and archaeology keep showing that the Bible is trustworthy.

There are hundreds of other proofs we could look at. We could look at any of the 2,000 fulfilled prophecies found in the Bible. So this will be my challenge for you today: continue the search for truth. God's Word is true. It's true because it is the Word of God, but also because it is, in fact, true. Read the Bible with faith and then look for the proof. History, archeology, internal witness, and external corroboration continue to prove the reliability of the Bible.

I'd love to hear from you below. How has pursuing truth helped your faith? How has doubt impacted your faith? Share your comments below.

Today pursue truth. It won't disappoint you because when you pursue truth, it leads back to Christ. And with Christ, you will always win the day.