

28 Days Of Growth ... What about the Bible?

The Bible is unique in three ways:

1. It is unique in its translation.
2. It is unique in its orientation.
3. It is unique in its preservation.

The Bible passes three tests:

1. The Historical Test

“It may be stated categorically that no archaeological discovery has ever controverted a Biblical reference.” (Dr. Nelson Glueck)

“There can be no doubt that archaeology has confirmed the substantial historicity of Old Testament tradition.” (Dr. William F. Albright, PhD from John Hopkins University)

“We do not know of any cases where the Bible has been proved wrong.” (Dr. Joseph P. Free, Professor of Archeology at Wheaton College)

“The Bible compared with other ancient writings has more manuscript evidence than any 10 pieces of classical literature combined. After trying to shatter the historicity and validity of the Bible, I came to the conclusion that it is historically trustworthy.” (Josh McDowell)

“There are 7 ancient manuscripts supporting Plato’s writings and over 24,000 manuscripts supporting the New Testament alone.” (Josh McDowell, “Evidence that Demands a Verdict”)

2. The Inspiration Test

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness” ~2 Timothy 3:16

“...for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.” ~2 Peter 1:21

“Dr. Peter Stoner used just 48 prophecies and arrived at the extremely conservative estimate that the probability of 48 prophecies being fulfilled in one person is the incredible number 10^{157} . As Stoner concludes, Any man who rejects Christ as the Son of God is rejecting a fact, proved perhaps more absolutely than any other fact in the world.” (Dr. Peter Stoner was the Chairman of the Departments of Mathematics and Astronomy at Pasadena City College)

“Mohammedanism (Islam) cannot point to any prophecies of the coming of Mohammed uttered hundreds of years before his birth.

“Yet in the case of Jesus, He fulfilled over 300 prophecies (spoke by different voices over 500 years), including twenty-nine major prophecies fulfilled in a single day – the day He died.” (Dr. Wilbur Smith)

3. The Truth Test

“I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.” ~1 John 5

Starting Point
Wednesday, February 16
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Bethlehem Main Campus

- Starting Point is an 8-session study that Pastor Dickie and Pastor Matt will team teach. It is designed for people who are curious about the Bible, new to a relationship with Jesus Christ or those just looking to grow in their spiritual walk.
- Cost: No cost for childcare; **please contact Amy at adgiles@bethlehembc.com or call 704-823-1600 to register for childcare.** Materials (optional) are \$15 and can be purchased at the ‘Above the Grind’ Bookstore.