

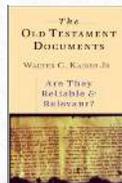
Biblical Reliability & the Resurrection

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- ❖ Reliability of the Bible
- ❖ Trustworthiness of the Bible
- ❖ Truth of the Resurrection

Reliability of the Bible



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- ❖ The Bible we have today is the same as when it was written

Terms to Know

manuscript:

- ❖ A manuscript is simply a book or page written by hand.

Terms to Know

fragment:

- ❖ a portion of a text.

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variant:

- ❖ any difference in the text between two or more manuscripts

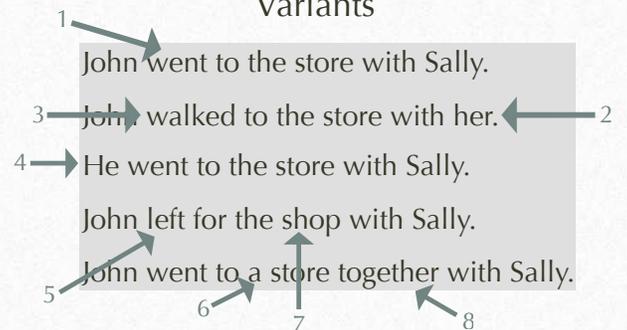
Argument for the Reliability of the NT

- ❖ dating of the manuscripts
- ❖ abundance of the manuscripts

Variants

- ❖ A variant is counted for every difference between the manuscripts themselves

Variants



Argument for the Reliability of the NT

Work	Date Written	# of Copies	Date of Earliest Copy
Homer	9th century BC	643	—
Herodotus	5th century BC	8	AD 900
Demosthenes	4th century BC	200	AD 1100
Caesar	1st century BC	10	AD 900
Tacitus	AD 100	20	AD 1100

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- ❖ Mark 9:32: But they did not understand *this* statement, and they were afraid to ask Him.

- ❖ Mark 14:37-42: And He came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? "Keep watching and praying that you may not come into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again He went away and prayed, saying the same words. And again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to answer Him. And He came the third time, and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? It is enough; the hour has come; behold, the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. "Get up, let us be going; behold, the one who betrays Me is at hand!"

- ❖ Matthew 26:55-56: At that time Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest Me as *you would* against a robber? Every day I used to sit in the temple teaching and you did not seize Me. "But all this has taken place to fulfill the Scriptures of the prophets." Then all the disciples left Him and fled.

- ❖ John 20:8-9: So the other disciple who had first come to the tomb then also entered, and he saw and believed. For as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead.

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- ❖ Matthew: beheaded
- ❖ James: thrown from the pinnacle of the temple
- ❖ Andrew: crucified
- ❖ Peter: crucified
- ❖ Jude: crucified
- ❖ Thomas: tortured and thrown in an oven

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"That he was crucified is as sure as anything historical can ever be."

-John Dominic Crossan

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❖ 1 Corinthians 15:6

❖ After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep.

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Facing Challenges from Outside the Church

- ❖ Establish the nature and knowability of truth
- ❖ Demonstrate the existence of God
- ❖ Demonstrate the truth of the specific claims of Christianity



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