



Sermon Outline
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Isn't the Bible
Full of Myths
and Mistakes?

Doubt is a _____. He crashes the gate when I least expect it. Doubt is real. Doubt is welcome here. Doubt is common. Doubt brings _____.

An awful lot of good people have had to deal with their questions and doubts. Jesus did not chastise him but _____ him.

Text Criticism - is the attempt to _____ where the original document has been lost.

This is what the Bible claims about itself.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

There are 2 types of doubt that people engage:

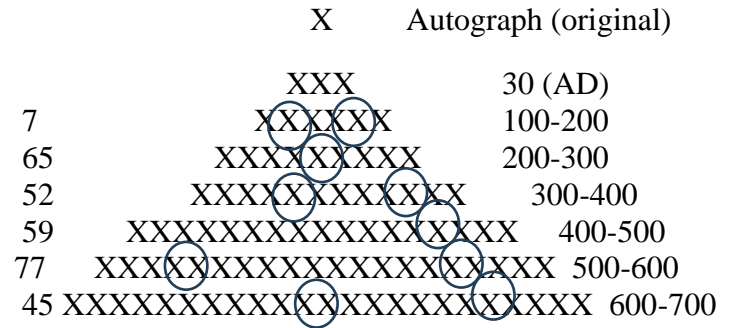
- 1-doubt generated because of _____.
- 2-doubt generated due to _____/confusion.

Do I have what the writers _____? If the Bible is accurate, a response from me is required.

What's involved to get my English Bible?

- English Bible NT---Greek/Hebrew---Collections of Manuscripts full or partial.
- Parchments, papyri, scrolls
- Photographed copy of Papyrus II. Chester Beaty Library, Dublin Ireland

- A. How many NT manuscripts are there?
5885 → 5300
- B. Where are they kept?
"List" Institute for New Testament Textual Research, at the University of Munster, Westphalia, Germany.
- C. What happens with these manuscripts?



5300- manuscripts for comparison/review
 138,020 words in the basic Greek Text
 500,000+- variants under review today

Do the math. (hypothetically)

731,506,000- possible points for error/review (words)
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 For every 10,000 possible points of error...there are actually 7 variants in need of review.

Summary:

- The New Testament was _____, and presents reliable historical accounts of God's activities through Christ.
- The Bible is _____, but are actual testimonies about the amazing ways God worked through Jesus, including fulfilled prophecies and miracles.
- The Bible is _____, most variants have an explanation, but there are some that will still puzzle us.
- The Bible has _____ over time. Rather, the Bibles we have today are highly accurate and reliable versions of what was originally written.

Further Study***

Peter Gurry- Myths and Mistakes in New Testament Textual Criticism
 YouTube- Sean McDowell/Peter Gurry Interview