

# IS THE BIBLE TRUSTWORTHY?

## 2 PETER 1:16-21

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I. The Bible was \_\_\_\_\_  
(16-18)

5 Reasons the Bible is not a myth:

1. The timing of the writing is \_\_\_\_\_
2. The content is far too \_\_\_\_\_
3. The message cost people \_\_\_\_\_
4. It is the single-most \_\_\_\_\_  
document of antiquity
5. The Bible was written by over \_\_\_\_\_ different  
authors over a span of \_\_\_\_\_ years and yet it  
all agrees.

II. The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_  
(19a)

III. The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_ (20-21)

IV. The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_ (19b)

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<sup>16</sup> For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

<sup>17</sup> For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” <sup>18</sup> we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup> And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, <sup>20</sup> knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. <sup>21</sup> For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*These questions are for further study and application of today's text of Scripture. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. One of the best ways to grow as a disciple is by discussing these types of questions in a small group. Find a small group here: [gracebiblecw.com/lifegroup](http://gracebiblecw.com/lifegroup) or ask someone next to you if you can join their group!*

- 1) What did you learn in this sermon that you want to remember about the trustworthiness of the Bible?
  
- 2) What questions have you had before regarding whether the Bible is true? What questions do you still have?
  
- 3) Read 2 Peter 1:19. Why do we often fail to treat the Bible as a matter of life and death?
  
- 4) Read Psalm 19:7-11. How will you treat the Bible differently this week after reading the text? What is one way you can get more of the Bible into your life and conversations this week?

Recommended Resources for further learning:

- **DeYoung, Kevin.** *Taking God at His Word: Why the Bible Is Knowable, Necessary, and Enough, and What That Means for You and Me.* Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2014.  
*Focus: A concise, accessible look at what the Bible says about itself (doctrine of Scripture).*
- **Gilbert, Greg.** *Why Trust the Bible?* Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2015.  
*Focus: Addresses the historical and theological reliability of the biblical manuscripts.*
- **Williams, Peter J.** *Can We Trust the Gospels?* Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2018.  
*Focus: A Scholarly yet readable defense of the Gospels' historical accuracy by a leading linguist.*
- **Keller, Timothy.** *The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism.* New York, Riverhead Books, 2008.  
*Focus: Engaging with common modern objections to Christianity and providing a rational basis for faith.*