

We Believe: One Holy Inspired Book

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Luke 24:25-32; 44-49

25 He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. 28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. 29 But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. 32 They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" 33-43 ... 44 [Jesus] said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." 45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. 46 He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

We can trust the Bible because...

I. JESUS TRUSTED IT

Luke 24:27

And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, [Jesus] explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

John 17:17

"Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth."

We can trust the Bible because...

2. JESUS FULFILLED IT

Luke 24:44

[the resurrected Jesus] said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

Matthew 5:17

[Jesus said] "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them."

We can trust the Bible because...

3. DISCIPLES WITNESSED IT & EARLY CHURCH LEADERS AFFIRMED IT

2 Peter 1:16

We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

Acts 17:2-3

2 As his custom was, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, 3 explaining and proving that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead. "This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Christ..."

Acts 17:11

Now the Bereans... they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

2 Timothy 3:15-17

... the holy Scriptures, ... are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

We can trust the Bible because...

4. ARCHAEOLOGY VALIDATES IT

- DEAD SEA SCROLLS (1947)
- POOL OF BETHESDA (John 5, 1800's)
- JERICHO (Joshua 6, 1950's)