

10 Ways to Know the Bible Is the Word of God

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2. There is beautiful _____ in the many voices of Scripture.
Matthew 16:20 ***Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.***

Matthew 28:19-20 ***"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."***

3. The Bible tells _____.
John 5:39 ***You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me.***

Luke 24:27 ***And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.***

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4. The Bible gives us accurate _____.
Numbers 6:22-26 ***22 The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 23 "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, 24 The Lord bless you and keep you; ...***

II Chronicles 32:30 ***This same Hezekiah closed the upper outlet of the waters of Gihon and directed them down to the west side of the city of David. And Hezekiah prospered in all his works.*** Cf. II Kings 20:20)

(See "Historical Accuracy of the Bible ... Silencing the Skeptics with Archeology"
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=824&v=LdSExDE8EsU)

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Isaiah 44:28 ***(24 Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer ...) who says of Cyrus, 'He is my shepherd, and he shall fulfill all my purpose'; saying of Jerusalem, 'She shall be built,' and of the temple, 'Your foundation shall be laid.'***

Luke 24:25-27 ***And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.***

Psalm 22:1 **My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
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6. Reading the Bible has _____ people's _____.
John 6:68-69 **Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You
have the words of eternal life, _____ 69 and we have believed, and have come to
know, that you are the Holy One of God."**

7. The Bible _____ the _____ of the faithful.
Psalm 119:9, **9 How can a young person stay on the path of purity? _____ By living
according to your word. _____** (Prayerfully read Psalm 119 3 to 5 times this week.)
John 17:17 **Sanctify them in the truth; your _____ word is truth.**
James 1:23-25 **23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is
like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. _____ 24 For he
looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.
25 But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and
perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be
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8. The Bible is confirmed by _____ (and vice versa).
II Peter 1:19 **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. _____** (ESV)
II Peter 1:19 **We also have the prophetic message as something completely
reliable, ... _____** (NIV)

9. You have to _____ it to _____ it.
John 7:17 **If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the
teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority.**

10. The _____ tells us the Bible is true.
Luke 24:45-47 **Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,
46 and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and
on the third day rise from the dead, _____ 47 and that repentance for the
forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations,
beginning from Jerusalem.**

I Corinthians 2:12-14 **12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but
the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely
given us by God. _____ 13 And we impart this in words not taught by human
wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who
are spiritual. _____ 14 The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit
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■ *Silver scrolls. Pre-exilic. Ca 100 years before "P"*

(See "The Blessing of the Silver Scrolls"

<http://www.biblearchaeology.org/post/2010/01/06/The-Blessing-of-the-Silver-Scrolls.aspx#Article>)

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■ *"Some said it thundered."*

■ *Archeologists found the wall around Jericho which had been destroyed. William Albright said that confirmed the Joshua story. Kathleen Kenyon's theory said it was too early. You get to choose whether you believe Kenyon's theory or the Bible.*

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- Skeptics say later writers added the details.
- Well, if it's full of lies, it isn't a very remarkable book.)

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Romans 1:16-17 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

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- Unfair advantage? Yes. Like telling a color-blind person that purple is between red and blue or orange is between yellow and red.