



# THE BIG QUESTIONS

FOUNDATIONS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

## Is The Bible True?

Many times, when people have questions about God or faith, Christians go to the Bible to answer those questions because they believe that the Bible is completely true and without error. That is a bold statement to make especially in our culture today. Naturally, the next question people have is: "how do you know the Bible is true?" If the Bible is our source for answers and for truth, it is important we are convinced that it is actually God's Word and is true.

Check out this video from the Authentic Christian Podcast and discuss.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zfq\\_dgzQXyU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zfq_dgzQXyU)

Here are a few reasons they discussed why we believe the Bible is true ...

1. Scientific foreknowledge
  - a. Leviticus 12:3. Israelites instructed to circumcise on the 8<sup>th</sup> day.
  - b. Job 38:16. Springs in the sea weren't discovered until humans were able to dive.
  - c. Psalms 102:25-26: Second law of thermodynamics: things wear down over time
2. Consistency of message
  - a. The Bible was written by 40 different authors across different continents over a 1500yr period of time and has the same message. God's story of redemption is woven through the whole thing.
3. Prophecies
  - a. Check out some of the prophecies about Jesus on the next page.
  - b. Micah 5:2 prophesied that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem 250 years before it happened.

## Discussion

- Why does it matter if the Bible is true or not?
- If all the Bible is God's Words, does it all have to be obeyed?
- What about verses like Leviticus 1:2-3? Do we have to obey those commands? Why or why not?
- Is everything Jesus says in the New Testament applicable to us today?
- Why is it important to read the Bible in context?
- If time, discuss the canonicity of Scripture. God used the leaders of the Church through the Holy Spirit to decide what books should be canonized.