

## Trust God's Word

How can we trust God's Word? How do we know it is true? Many young in the faith ask these questions. Strong, faithful believers will sometimes ask these too. What if parts of the Bible weren't true? What does that mean for the rest of it? Can you pick and choose what is true and what isn't?

Jonah is a controversial book. Did the events in Jonah really happen? Which begs the question, do you trust what Jesus says? Matthew 12 and Luke 11 both record Jesus speaking about Jonah. Through archeology, sociology, written history from around the world, and, interestingly, those attempting to disprove the Bible, we find confirmation of its truth.

If Genesis isn't true, at what point can we believe what was written? Can we believe Exodus since Moses lived it and Moses wrote it? There are other books where the author is known and trusted as historically accurate, making faith much simpler. One clear example is Abraham. He was a man who lived and had two sons, Ishmael and Isaac (Genesis 16-18). Christianity, Judaism, and Islam agree about this biblical fact.

Creation reveals many things about who God is also. Look at the vascular system of a human and the vascular system of a tree. The similarities in how both provide nutrition are astounding. The balance required within human blood to maintain life is nothing short of miraculous. We could easily go into organ failure with too much of any one mineral such as iron, yet iron is necessary for blood production.

*For His invisible attributes, namely, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks to Him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened (Romans 1:20-21).* God made Himself plain to us, but we rejected it. We preferred idols that resembled created things over the Creator himself. Another way we can trust the Bible is by knowing "Scripture interprets Scripture," seeing how God through time has fulfilled every promise. While the Bible was written over a time period of 1500 years and in three languages with 49 authors, there is still a singular focus, God as Creator and Savior. No other book can claim these things.

God has a plan for His people, even when it is hard to believe, we can trust His faithfulness (Deuteronomy 7:9 and 1 Corinthians 1:9).

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