

**I Have A Friend Who...**  
**#2: Wonders Why We Trust The Bible?**

**1. Has it been \_\_\_\_\_?**

**Matthew 7:13** *You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way.*

a) We have a \_\_\_\_\_

b) The \_\_\_\_\_ line up

*"Of the 0.5% of the New Testament variant readings, only one eighth of those amount to anything more than a stylistic difference or misspelling. Nowhere does a variant reading affect a single doctrine of our Judeo-Christian faith."* Dr. Philip Schaff

**2. Is there evidence to suggest \_\_\_\_\_?**

**2 Peter 1:16** *For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.*

**3. Can any of this \_\_\_\_\_?**

*"Of the hundreds of thousands of artifacts found by the archeologists, not one has ever been discovered that contradicts or denies one word, phrase, clause, or sentence of the Bible, but always confirms and verifies the facts of the biblical record."* Dr. J. O. Kinnaman

**4. Is there proof of \_\_\_\_\_?**

**2 Timothy 3:16** *All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.*

a) The evidence of \_\_\_\_\_

b) The evidence of \_\_\_\_\_

**Luke 1:1-3** *Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you...*

**Basics about the Bible**

\*The Bible is divided into two parts: The Old Testament and the New Testament.

\*There are 66 books in the Bible: 39 in the OT and 27 in the NT

\*The first four books of the NT tell the life of Jesus. We call them the "gospels". The word gospel means "good news".

\*The Bible was written over a span of 1500 years by more than 40 different authors on three continents.

\*The first book ever printed on a printing press was a Bible.

\*More Bibles are printed each year than any other book.

\*The bible was written in three languages: Hebrew, Greek and Aramaic.

\*There are a variety of literary styles represented in the Bible: Poetry, historical narrative, song, romance, personal correspondence, memoirs, satires, biography, law, prophecy, parable, etc.

\*The Bible is primarily about Jesus from beginning to end.

**Resources for further study**

\*The signature of God by Grant R. Jeffrey

\*The new evidence that demands a verdict by Josh McDowell

\*The case for the Bible by Lee Strobel

\*[www.leestrobel.com](http://www.leestrobel.com)

\*[www.josh.org](http://www.josh.org)

\*[www.rzim.org](http://www.rzim.org)