

**TALK: INTRODUCTION**

**Truth: Christianity believes that the Bible is \_\_\_\_\_.**

2 Timothy 3:16–17—*“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”*

1 Thessalonians 2:13—*“And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.”*

**The Important Question: \_\_\_\_\_ this be \_\_\_\_\_?**

**The Facts:**

- If the Bible was God’s Word, it would \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 3:1–2—*“What advantage, then, is there in being a Jew, or what value is there in circumcision? Much in every way! First of all, the Jews have been entrusted with the very words of God.”*

2 Peter 1:20–21—*“Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”*

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  - » Its \_\_\_\_\_.
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  - » Its manuscript \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
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Psalms 19:7–8—*“The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the LORD are right...”*

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.”*

**Examples:**

- » It’s true \_\_\_\_\_.

Deuteronomy 18:22—*“If what a prophet proclaims in the name of the LORD does not take place or come true, that is a message the LORD has not spoken. That prophet has spoken presumptuously, so do not be alarmed.”*

- Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_ (Daniel 9; Micah 5:2; Isaiah 7:14)
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- Other \_\_\_\_\_ (Obadiah 1; Isaiah 13; Ezekiel 26; Nahum 1–3; Isaiah 11:11)
- » It’s true \_\_\_\_\_.

John 3:12—*“I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?”*

*“It may be stated categorically that no archaeological discovery has ever controverted a Biblical reference. Scores of archaeological findings have been made which confirm in clear outline or exact detail historical statements in the Bible.”*

—Nelson Glueck

Luke 2:1–3—*“In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register.”*

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Romans 1:16—*“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.”*

Hebrews 4:12—*“For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”*

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2 Timothy 3:15–17—*“and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which 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 servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”*

**The Answer to the Important Question:** \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_.

**Application:** Since the Bible is God’s Word, we should \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_ on it.

Matthew 7:24–27—*“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”*

- We should accept its \_\_\_\_\_.

Acts 4:12—*Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.*

- We should live by its \_\_\_\_\_.

James 1:22—*“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”*

- We should \_\_\_\_\_ its \_\_\_\_\_ with others.