

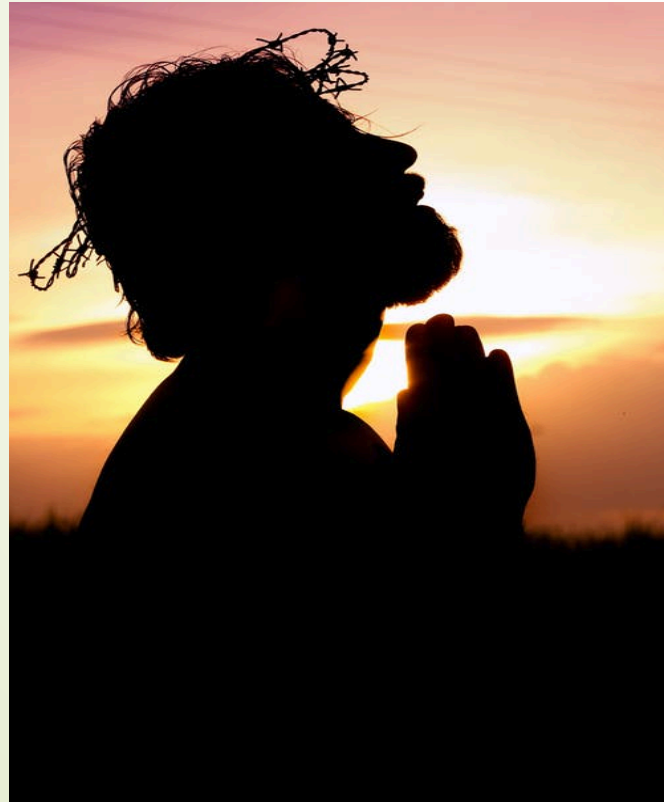


The Bible

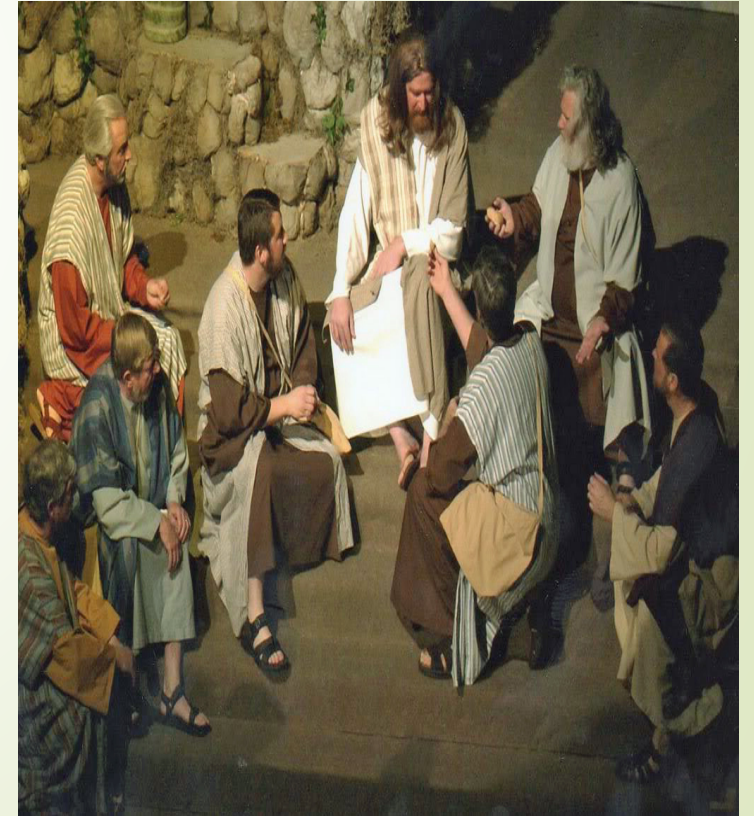
Can the Bible Be Trusted?

Jesus' Disciples Fled when He was Arrested but were Transformed after He Rose from the Dead.

Jesus Alone during His Trial.



Jesus' Disciples became Bold After He Rose.





Who would die for a lie they knew was not true?

- **Eleven of the twelve Apostles (Jesus' first disciples) were all killed for their testimony that Jesus rose from the dead and was the Son of God.**
- 1. Peter: crucified
- 2. Andrew: crucified
- 3. Matthew: by sword
- 4. John: natural
- 5. James, son of Alpheaus: crucified
- 6. Philip: crucified
- 7. Simon: crucified
- 8. Thaddeus: by arrows
- 9. James the brother of Jesus: stoned
- 10. Thomas: by spear
- 11. Bartholomew: crucified
- 12. James son of Zebedee: by sword

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- ▶ **The very disciples who denied Jesus and were hiding in fear, stood boldly before the very leaders who crucified Jesus after He rose from the dead.**
- ▶ **Acts 4: 16 – 22 ESV:** 8. Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders,
- ▶ 9. if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed,
- ▶ 10. let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well.
- ▶ 11. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.
- ▶ 12. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”
- ▶ 13. Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.
- ▶ 14. But seeing the man who was healed standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition.
- ▶ 15. But when they had commanded them to leave the council, they conferred with one another,
- ▶ 16. saying, “What shall we do with these men? For that a notable sign has been performed through them is evident to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it.

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- 17. But in order that it may spread no further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name.”
- 18. So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.
- 19. But Peter and John answered them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge,
- 20. for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.”
- 21. And when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way to punish them, because of the people, for all were praising God for what had happened.
- 22. For the man on whom this sign of healing was performed was more than forty years old.

Over sixty prophecies of the coming of the Messiah hundreds of years before Jesus' birth were fulfilled by Him alone.

- ▶ Born in Bethlehem: Micah 5:2
- ▶ He will be betrayed by 30 pieces of silver: Matthew 27:9
- ▶ His bones were out of joint on the cross: Psalm 22:14
- ▶ His hands and feet pierced: Psalm 22:16
- ▶ Soldiers divided His clothes and cast lots for His cloak: Psalm 22:17
- ▶ He was whipped: Isaiah 53: 5
- ▶ He shall be descended from King David: Isaiah 9:7

