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Sermon Notes

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My Friend tells me... "The Bible is Full of Errors and Contradictions."

Jesus had the _____ view of the Bible (Matthew 4; 5:18).

Truth is truth and by definition _____ on its own two feet (John 17:17).

The more you read the Bible the more you will appreciate that it is a _____ whole.

The Bible was written as God's _____ unfolded. It was not written in isolation by a small group of men.

Prophecies written hundreds of years before they were fulfilled point to the inspiration of the Bible. Hundreds of predictions about the Christ alone were made by the Old Testament prophets. The probability of this happening by chance is astronomical.

Stoner consider 48 prophecies and says, "...We find the chance that any one man fulfilled all 48 prophecies to be 1 in 10 to the 157th.

Archaeology, the study of old things, has served to validate the Biblical story.

Nelson Glueck, the renowned Jewish archaeologist, wrote:
"It may be stated categorically that no archaeological discovery has ever controverted a biblical reference."

And William F. Albright, known for his reputation as one of the great archaeologists, states:

"There can be no doubt that archaeology has confirmed the substantial historicity of OT tradition."

The importance of *eyewitness testimony* about the events regarding Jesus cannot be overestimated.

1 John 1

1That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. 2The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. 3We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

Mark 9:

2After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. 3His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. 4And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. 5Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." 6(He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) 7Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" 8Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. 9As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

2 Peter 1

15And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember these things.

16We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." 18We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

Peter's view of the inspiration of the Bible:

19And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. 20Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. 21For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.