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John 20:30-31 & 21:25

Every day moves us farther from the days when Bible written. Pose a danger? Faith in events fade with time? Forgotten! Bible written for purpose. Text. Can we trust it wholly? Bible not forced to prove own merits. Could if called to! Some skeptics need more proof than others. God supplies. No honest man can be ~~intelligent~~ intelligent and disbelieve

INT:

I. FAITH COMES BY THE WORD OF GOD.

1. Jesus demanded implicit obedience. Matt. 28:18-20.
2. He promised a Guide to refresh the past. John 14:26.
3. He promised a Guide to show them the future. John 16:13
4. Faith produces salvation and good life. II Tim. 3:16-17

II. INTERNAL EVIDENCE IN BIBLE IS UNANSWERABLE. Survey sermon.

1. Beauty and style beyond the ability of mortal man.
2. Teachings in Bible beyond the mind of selfish man.
3. Prophecies of O. T. about Christ perfectly fulfilled.
4. Prophecies of O. T. against ancient cities fulfilled.
5. Miracle of the Bible: 45 writers, 1,600 yr. span, in different places, trades, dispositions. Yet all agree

III. EXTERNAL EVIDENCES ABOUT THE BIBLE ARE UNIMPEACHABLE.

1. Scriptural scientific-foreknowledge and modern science.
 - a. Earth is round. Is. 40:22. Isaiah knew it in 775 BC.
 - b. Earth is suspended on nothing. Job. 26:7. 625 BC.
 - c. Empty space over the northern sky. 26:7. 625 BC.
 - d. Light present before and without sun. Gen. 1 1500 BC.
 - e. Seas in one bed. Oceans connected. Moses never saw more than one. How know? Seas! Gen. 1:10. 1500 BC.
 - f. Paths in the seas. Discovered 1870. Ps. 8:8. 1000 BC.
2. Secular History Corroborates Biblical History.
 - a. Josephus, Jewish Historian. Verifies O. T. and Christ
 - b. Pilate sent report of crucifixion to Rome. Justin Martyr copied the report. AD 170. Stand all tests.
 - c. Early church elders wrote histories. Anti-Nicean.
 - d. Early Roman Empire laws against Christians prove their existance and doctrines. A.D. 70 to A. D. 312.
3. Archaeology, the Bible's best friend today.
 - a. Unearthed cities, walls, monuments, stones, dishes, parchments and tombs. EVERY ONE in Bible's favor.
 - b. Many skeptics in expeditions. Remains to be one same after the writings have been deciphered.

4. Influence of the Bible on the World.

- a. Human freedom advanced with abolishment of slavery.
- b. Human morals raised. Better fathers, mothers etc.
- c. Woman elevated to place as partner. Gen. 2:18.
- d. Inspired more Prose and Poetry through years.
- e. Inspired more Paintings and Songs than all else.
- f. In short: done more than all other influence combin

5. Indestructibility of the Bible proves it's Strength.

- a. World's greatest athiests, infidels, agnostics, reprobates and liars have attacked it.
- b. Every weapon and method of destruction devisible has been used on Bible. Fire, water, sword, law.
- c. Poem: The Bible—there it stands. A.Z. Conrad.

IV. IT'S GETTING HARDER TO DISBELIEVE THE BIBLE.

1. Evidence will continue to mount with time as we get farther from original days of it's writing.
2. If there is anything you can believe today—the Bible.
3. If there is anything you can trust today ---Christ.
4. If there is anything that can free you from sin is it obedience to the Word or the Lord.
5. If there is anything that can be done for your soul today, you must be the one to do it.

INV: Why not make today your Decision Day and make your calling, election and salvation sure.

THE BIBLE—THERE IT STANDS
Century follows century—there it stands!
Empires rise and fall and are forgotten—here it stands!
Dynasty succeeds dynasty—there it stands!
Kings are crowned and uncrowned—these it stands!
Despised and torn to pieces—there it stands!
Storms of hate swirl about it—there it stands!
Atheists rail against it—there it stands!
Agnostics smile cynically—there it stands!
Profane, prayerless punsters caricature it—there it stands!
An anvil that has broken a million hammers—there it stands!
The flames are kindled about it—there it stands!
The arrows of hate are discharged against it—there it stands!
Radicalism rants and raves against it—there it stands!
Fogs of sophistry conceal it temporarily—there it stands!
The tooth of time gnaws, but makes no dent in it—there it stands!
—A. Z. Conrad.