

## The First Sunday in Lent ~ Sunday, March 6, 2022

### “Living & Active ~ Why Can I Trust the Bible?”

#### 2 Timothy 3:10-17

“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.” (Hebrews 4:12)

“Be doers of the word, not hearers only who deceive themselves.” (James 1:22)

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching and rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that we may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

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“All of your commands can be trusted.” (Psalm 119:86)

#### 7 REASONS WHY WE CAN TRUST THE BIBLE

##### 1. We can trust the Bible because it's \_\_\_\_\_ accurate.

3 things that help determining historical accuracy:

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##### 2. We can trust the Bible because it's \_\_\_\_\_ accurate.

“Let every created thing give praise to the Lord, for he issued his command, and they came into being. He established them forever and ever. And his orders will never be revoked.” (Psalm 148:5)

“...all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.” (Colossians 1:15-17)

“God is enthroned above the sphere on earth.” (Isaiah 40:22)

“God stretches the sky over the empty space and hangs the earth on nothing.” (Job 26:7)

“The number of stars are infinite.” (Jeremiah 33:22)

##### 3. We can trust the Bible because it's \_\_\_\_\_ accurate.

There are \_\_\_\_\_ prophecies in the OT about the Messiah.

“No prophecy ever originated from humans. Instead, it was given by the Holy Spirit as humans spoke under God's direction.” (2 Peter 1:21)

“But this is all happening to fulfill the words of the prophets as recorded in Scriptures.” (Matthew 26: 56)

##### 4. We can trust the Bible because it's \_\_\_\_\_ unified.

“Beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, Jesus explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.” (Luke 24:27)

“You search the Scriptures because you believe they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me!” (John 5:39)

##### 5. We can trust the Bible because it's \_\_\_\_\_.

“I'll tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen will disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished!” (Matthew 5:18)

“Scripture is always true.” (John 10:35)

##### 6. We can trust the Bible because it's \_\_\_\_\_.

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.” (Matthew 24:35)

“The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of God stands forever.” (1 Peter 1:24)

##### 7. We can trust the Bible because of its \_\_\_\_\_.

“...until Christ is formed in you.” (Galatians 4:19)

“...be conformed to the image of God's Son.” (Romans 8:29)

“...be transformed by the renewing of our minds.” (Romans 12:2)



“If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.” (John 8:31)



#### Can I trust God's Word?

Who/what has the final authority in my life?

Am I going to listen to the Word of God or the word of the world?

Do I believe that the Bible is living and active?

Am I willing to stand on God's Word?