



**Confronting
Controversial
Questions about
Christianity**

This Summer at The Story Church you have the power to select which questions we will address from the pulpit! In FAQ, we'll look to the Bible to answer six controversial questions people ask about Christianity. We hope this series will encourage skeptics and equip believers to "give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect" 1 Peter 3:15. Vote for next week's question: www.thestory.church/vote



May 24, 2026 - Part 1: Can we trust the Bible?

What are common reasons why people do not trust the Bible?

1 Peter 3:15 - But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

What is Apologetics?

WITH ALL THE TRANSLATIONS AND CHANGES THROUGHOUT HISTORY, HOW CAN WE TRUST THAT OUR MODERN BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD?

Question #1 - Have translations and changes to the text corrupted the original meaning of the Bible?

How do these recent discoveries increase our trust of the authenticity of the Bible:

- Dead Sea Scrolls -
- p52 -
- p66 -

* For more information check out Wes Huff's video series "Can I Trust the Bible" on Youtube or www.wesleyhuff.com

Why are the variances in the manuscripts insignificant?

Answer #1 - Have translations and changes to the text corrupted the original meaning of the Bible? - _____, we are confident our Bibles are _____ and _____ what the Apostles wrote.

Question #2 - Was the Bible manipulated throughout history by the removal of certain books?

What really happened at the council of Nicea?

Why were the Gnostic Gospels never included in the Bible?

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.

2 Peter 1:16, 20-21 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... 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**.

Who is the true author of Scripture?

2 Peter 3:15-16 Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. **His letters** contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other **Scriptures**, to their own destruction.

What does Peter call Paul's letters?

Answer #2 - Was the Bible manipulated throughout history by the removal of certain books? _____, the NT books were agreed upon _____ after the last book was finished.

Question #3 - Can we trust the Bible as God's Word?

Be honest and reflect on why you struggle to trust the Bible. **Is it because you do not think it is historically accurate OR because you do not like the claims it makes about life?**

Answer #3 - Can we trust the Bible as God's Word? - _____, because we trust in _____



Register for Vacation Bible School

Registration is open for this year's VBS - June 22-25, 2026 from 9am to noon! VBS is open to children in PreK-4 through 5th grade. Visit thestory.church/vbs to learn more and register your children today!



Volunteers Needed for Summer Tutoring Program

For 8 weeks (June 9 - July 28), we're hosting tutoring on Tuesday afternoons for The Champion Project! Tutors must be 16 or older and complete the requirements to serve. Visit thestory.church/tutor to read more about this program and apply today!



Weekly Prayer Room

Join us **Wednesdays at noon** for weekly prayer in the upstairs Chapel. This hour-long Prayer Room is designed to help you reflect on God's Word and feel His tangible presence as we pray in community. Learn more: thestory.church/events