

## Rethinking “For the Bible Tells Me So” Resources/Additional Info

1. **Continuity** – one book, written by over 40 human authors, over a 15-hundred-year time-frame, on 3-different continents, yet all melds into a continuous whole.
2. **Circulation** – most widely read, published and circulated book of all time... coincidence?
3. **Survived** – despite the odds, more manuscript evidence available than any other ancient book
4. **Man-made mythology?** Then why would man write a book that shows the negative point of view of human nature, emphasizing our sinfulness, error and mistakes? See my blog, “[Odd Verses that Authenticate the Bible's Reliability](#),” [www.thinkdivinely.com](http://www.thinkdivinely.com).
5. **Trustworthiness of inspiration** – no other book has come close to matching the accurate predictions made in the Bible.
  - Prophecies in the Book of Isaiah concerning the Messiah and His passion
  - Prophecies made by Jesus concerning the state of Israel and the Jewish people (i.e. an entire nation dispersed in 70 AD only to re-emerge as a nation after the horrors of WWII?)
  - The Jewish people’s survival alone is a great apologetic for the reliability of the Bible
6. **Archaeology** – places, customs, artifacts, and names of people listed in the Bible have been confirmed through numerous archaeological finds.

### More Information on Ancient Documents

*(Excerpt taken from a PDF found on Josh.org called “The Bibliographical Test” by Dr. Josh McDowell and Dr. Clay Jones, updated 8-13-14.)*

Many Christian apologists base the number of New Testament manuscripts on the work of Kurt Aland and Barbara Aland of the Institute for New Testament Textual Research in Münster.<sup>1</sup>

It appears there has been discovered a portion of a Mark manuscript, ca 85-125AD. One must wait for this discovery to go through peer review and publishing before we know for certain of the dating.

“In the last 130 years, there has not been a single manuscript discovery that has produced a new reading for the New Testament that scholar think is authentic...not a single manuscript that tells us a totally different story about Jesus.”

~ Dr. Daniel B. Wallace, *Center for the Study of New Testament Manuscripts*.

### Book Recommendations for Further Study

1. *Evidence That Demands a Verdict* (2017 ed.), by Josh & Sean McDowell
2. *Questioning the Bible: 11 Major Challenges to the Bible's Authority*, Jonathan Morrow
3. *The New Testament Documents: Are They Reliable?* F.F. Bruce
4. *The Text of the New Testament: Its Transmission, Corruption, and Restoration* (4<sup>th</sup> ed). Bruce Metzger & Bart Erhman

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<sup>1</sup> The Institute for New Testament Textual Research, [http://www.uni-muenster.de/INTF/KgLSGII2010\\_02\\_04.pdf](http://www.uni-muenster.de/INTF/KgLSGII2010_02_04.pdf).