

Ray Comfort Commentary

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If the whole scientific world came together and “disproved” the Bible, and archeologists found what they say “proved” to be the bones of Jesus, would it shake your faith?

At the risk of sounding arrogant, I have to say that my faith in God wouldn’t be shaken in the slightest. If the whole world accused my wife of some terrible immoral act, my faith in her wouldn’t be shaken. Not for a minute. I trust her with all of my heart, so how much more should we trust a holy God? If the word of God says something, we should believe it.

This is what Paul speaks about in 1 Corinthians 2, when he says that the Christian’s faith doesn’t stand “in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.” Remember, early Christians weren’t converted by the Scriptures. Most couldn’t read anyway. The New Testament hadn’t been compiled. There was no such thing as the printing press. Instead, they were saved by a spoken message of the Gospel.

If you believe that our foundation for the faith is the written Scriptures rather than the person of Jesus Christ, I have some questions for you. When did Christianity begin? Was it on the Day of Pentecost when the three thousand were converted by the power of God, or did it have to wait until the New Testament was compiled in 200 A.D.?

It was on the Day of Pentecost that they were saved when they turned from their sins and trusted in the person of Jesus Christ, and that happened hundreds of years before we had the Bible, as we know it.

So don’t feel that it’s your mandate to convince anyone of the inspiration of the Bible. You will never do it while they love their sins. For every reasonable argument you come up with, this sinful world will come back with a hundred and one other excuses for their sin.

Instead, give the arrow of the Gospel thrust, by using the Law of God to bring the knowledge of sin. Using the Law, make the sinner thirst after a righteousness without which he will perish. Then, once he is born again and comes to know the Lord, the Scriptures will open up to him. Until that time, the things of God will seem foolishness to him, as the Scriptures say.

Most don’t know that there are two ways to read the Bible. One is with the light off, and the other is with the light on. By that I mean that you will stay in the dark if you read it with a proud heart, looking for mistakes, or marking seeming contradictions, believing that you are intellectually superior to what you are reading.

The right way is with the light on. By that I mean with a humble heart, believing that you don't know everything, and that you could gain knowledge by studying the world's greatest-selling book of all time.

Read slowly, with a pen in your hand you may like to underline the things said about Jesus of Nazareth—that all things were made by Him, that He was the very source of life in human form, and why He came to this Earth. Then underline and ponder what He said about Himself—how He was preexistent, how He maintained that He was life itself, the conqueror of death, the sole way to immortality, and how He came specifically to suffer and die for our sins, then rise again.

The implications of such honest research of the Scriptures are either frightening or they are unspeakably exhilarating . . . depending on your perspective. *For Moody Radio, I'm Ray Comfort, and these are my thoughts.*