

Doubts about the Bible**2 Peter 1:16-21; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; Mark 4:21-25****Doubt: friend of faith, 4****Dr. Ted Wueste****Issues to discuss:**

1. Can we trust the Bible historically?
2. Can we trust the formation of the Bible?
3. Can we trust what we have today?
4. Can we trust its relevance?

Conclusion:the Bible is unique and can be trusted.**Implication --- Mark 4:21-25**

QUOTES:

"The slowness in determining the final limits of the canon is testimony to the care and vigilance of early Christians in receiving books purporting to be apostolic . . . in the most basic sense, neither individuals nor councils created the canon; instead, they came to perceive and acknowledge the self-authenticating quality of the writings, which imposed themselves as canonical upon the church."

Bruce Metzger

"The interval, then, between the dates of the original composition and the earliest extant evidence becomes so small as to be in fact negligible, and the last foundation for any doubt that the Scriptures have come down to us substantially as they were written has now been removed. Both the authenticity and the general integrity of the books of the New Testament may be regarded as firmly established. Sir Frederic G. Kenyon, *The Bible and Archaeology*

"The Bible is the love story of God with his people. God calls, pursues, forgives, and heals. Our response to his love is itself his gift."

Brennan Manning, *The Ragamuffin Gospel*,

"The golden rule to follow to obtain spiritual understanding is not one of intellectual pursuit, but one of obedience. If a person wants scientific knowledge, then intellectual curiosity must be his guide. But if he desires knowledge and insight into the teachings of Jesus Christ, he can only obtain it through obedience. If spiritual things seem dark and hidden to me, then I can be sure that there is a point of disobedience somewhere in my life. Intellectual darkness is the result of ignorance, but spiritual darkness is the result of something that I do not intend to obey." Oswald Chambers