

# How Can You Take the Bible Literally?

*Asking for a Friend, Part 2*

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**We take the Bible *seriously* because of the \_\_\_\_\_.**

- The Bible's \_\_\_\_\_ of itself  
(2 Timothy 3:16; Matthew 22:31-32)
- The fulfillment of prophecy (Matt. 5:17-18; Luke 24:44)
- The Bible's literary \_\_\_\_\_
  - It is a unified diversity.
  - Its manuscripts are reliable.
- The Eyewitness accounts (1 John 1:1-2)
- The support of archaeology regarding culture, places and people.
- The details, \_\_\_\_\_ and all (Mark 3:20-31, Matt. 16:23, Mark 14:26-72, Galatians 3:13, John 20:1-18)

**We take the Bible *literally* \_\_\_\_\_, because it points us to Jesus.**

- He is the ultimate word from God. (John 1:1, 14)
- He is the authority on this world. (Colossians 1:15-17)
- Only by living according to his \_\_\_\_\_ can we understand our own. (Luke 11:28; John 6:66-69)

## My Next Step(s)...

- I'll consider:
  - How would you summarize the message in one sentence? What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
  - What is a building that you would like to visit?
  - Read John 2:13-22
  - Why was Jesus upset?
  - What comparison does he make?
- I will sign up to be part of a GROVE Group at [thegrovekc.com/grovegroups](http://thegrovekc.com/grovegroups)
- I will investigate my questions about the Bible. (Check out resources on the next page)
- I will read the Gospel of John and look for figures of speech.
- I will memorize Luke 11:28 (CSB)  
*He said, "Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it."*

## Resources for Investigating the Bible

### General Apologetics

*Confronting Christianity* by Rebecca McLaughlin  
*The Reason for God* by Tim Keller

### Understanding the Bible

[www.bethinking.org/bible/what-is-the-bible](http://www.bethinking.org/bible/what-is-the-bible)

*30 Days to Understanding the Bible* by Max Anders

*What the Bible Is All About* by Henrietta C. Mears

*God's Big Picture* by Vaughn Roberts

### The Overall Reliability of the Bible

*Can the Trust the Gospels?* By Peter J. Williams

[www.bethinking.org/tag/bible-reliability](http://www.bethinking.org/tag/bible-reliability)

[www.oneminuteapologist.com](http://www.oneminuteapologist.com) (Select Topic: Bible Difficulties)

### Does the Bible contain contradictions and errors?

[www.debate.org.uk/debate-topics/apologetic/contrads/](http://www.debate.org.uk/debate-topics/apologetic/contrads/)

[www.bethinking.org/is-the-bible-reliable/isnt-the-bible-full-of-errors](http://www.bethinking.org/is-the-bible-reliable/isnt-the-bible-full-of-errors)

### Prophecy and the Bible

[www.carm.org/prophecy-bible-and-jesus](http://www.carm.org/prophecy-bible-and-jesus)

<http://coldcasechristianity.com/2013/from-reliable-to-divine-fulfilled-prophecy-in-the-old-testament/>

### Archaeology

[www.bethinking.org/is-the-bible-reliable/archaeology-and-the-historical-reliability-of-the-new-testament](http://www.bethinking.org/is-the-bible-reliable/archaeology-and-the-historical-reliability-of-the-new-testament)

[www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2014/february-web-only/latest-challenge-bible-accuracy-abraham-anachronistic-camel.html](http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2014/february-web-only/latest-challenge-bible-accuracy-abraham-anachronistic-camel.html)

[www.nbcnews.com/id/34511072/ns/technology\\_and\\_science-science/#34523421](http://www.nbcnews.com/id/34511072/ns/technology_and_science-science/#34523421)

### The Gospels as Eyewitness Accounts

[www.coldcasechristianity.com/2014/are-the-gospels-written-by-eyewitnesses/](http://www.coldcasechristianity.com/2014/are-the-gospels-written-by-eyewitnesses/)