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      - How can I have faith in any of the Bible?





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    - Different educations
  - Written over a period of over 1500 years
  - Written from different geographical locations
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Prophecy	O.T. Reference	N.T. Fulfillment
Born in Bethlehem	Micah 5:2	Matthew 2:1-6
Would enter Jerusalem on a donkey	Zechariah 9:9	Matthew 21:6,7
Betrayal price stated	Zechariah 11:12	Matthew 26:14,15
Betrayal money returned	Zechariah 11:13	Matthew 27:3-7
Hands and feet pierced	Psalms 22:16	Luke 23:33, John 20:24-28
Garments would be divided	Psalms 22:18	John 19:23,24
Numbered with criminals	Isaiah 53:12	Mark 15:27
Gall and vinegar to be offered to him	Psalms 69:21	John 19:28,29, Matthew 27:34
He would be pierced	Zechariah 12:10	John 19:33-37
Darkness in the daytime at his crucifixion	Amos 8:9	Matthew 27:45



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Document	Date Written	Oldest Extant Manuscript	# of Manuscripts
Caesar's <i>Gallic War</i>	58-50 B.C	@ 850 A.D.	10
Tacitus' <i>Histories &amp; Annals</i>	@ 100 A.D.	@ 900 A.D.	4 ½ Histories, 12 Annals
Thucydides' <i>History</i>	@ 460-400 B.C.	@ 900 A.D.	8
Herodotus' <i>History</i>	@ 400 B.C	@ 900 A.D.	8
New Testament	50 A.D.-100 A.D.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Papyri fragments dating from 100's and 200's A.D.</li> <li>• Chester Beatty Biblical Papyri containing all 4 Gospel accounts- Early 200's A.D.</li> <li>• John Ryland fragments containing John 18:31-33,37ff-dated 130 A.D.- (only about 40 years after John wrote it)</li> <li>• Numerous fragments found dating within 25-50 years of original autographs</li> </ul>	Over 5,000 (This exceeds the number of manuscripts present for the most well documented ancient works by a factor of over 100)



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## *John 14:24*

"He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me."



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