

Luke 1:1 | SCRIPTURE Everett Roeth| SPEAKER Why You Can Believe The Bible | SERMON

Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us, Luke 1:1 NKJV

Just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word delivered them to us, Luke 1:2 NKJV

it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write to you an orderly account, most excellent Theophilus, Luke 1:3 NKJV

that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed. Luke 1:4 NKJV

For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. 2 Peter 1:16 NKJV

For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." 2 Peter 1:17 NKJV

And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. 2 Peter 1:18 NKJV

And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; 2 Peter 1:19 NKJV

knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. 2 Peter 1:20-21 NKJV

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life — 1 John 1:1 NKJV

the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us — 1 John 1:2 NKJV

that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. 1 John 1:3 NKJV

Of all the major religious texts, the Bible has by far the most historical, archeological, and manuscript evidence.

Hinduism: The Vedic scriptures were composed around 1000 BC. The oldest manuscripts we have date to 1000-1300 AD-over 2000 years later.





Buddhism: The Buddha lived and taught around 600-500 BC. His teaching was transmitted orally for around 400 years. The oldest manuscript is from the first century BC.

Taoism: The Tao Te Ching was transmitted orally and the oldest manuscript we have is approximately 300-400 years after Laozi was said to have written them.

Islam: The Quran manuscripts date to around 600-700 AD, yet they claim that Jesus wasn't crucified, didn't resurrect, and wasn't the Son of God (600 years after Jesus' life).

The New Testament was written within decades from the events occurring and the earliest known manuscript we have is dated to around 125 AD, less than 100 years after.

Born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2)

Born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14)

"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel."

Preceded by a messenger (Malachi 3:1)

"I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the Lord Almighty."

Enters Jerusalem on a donkey (Zechariah 9:9)

"Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey."

Betrayed for thirty pieces of silver and the silver was used to buy the potter's field (Zechariah 11:12-13)

Hands and feet pierced (Psalm 22:16)

They pierced My hands and My feet; I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me. They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots.

No bones broken (Psalm 34:20)

He protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken.

Pierced side (Zechariah 12:10)

Mathematician Peter Stoner, estimated that the chances of just eight of these prophecies being fulfilled in one person at this time is conservatively 1 in 10^17.

We have more than 5,600 New Testament manuscripts in the original language, along with 350 in Syriac, 1,000 in Coptic, and 10,000 in Latin.

Caesars Gallic Wars - 10 manuscripts Aristotle Poetics - Less than 50 manuscripts Herodotus - less than 100 Plato - 210 manuscripts

