

WHY THE BIBLE IS CREDIBLE – APOLOGETICS BOOKLET



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Primary References

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 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ak06MSETeo4&t=8s>
- [Cold Case Christianity](#) – book by J. Warner Wallace
- [WesleyHuff.com](#) infographics – by Wesley Huff
- Corssexamined.org - <https://corssexamined.org/why-the-apocrypha-isnt-in-the-bible/>
- Whatchristianswanttoknow.com - <https://www.whatchristianswanttoknow.com/why-were-some-books-excluded-from-the-bible/>

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TO UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE, WE HAVE TO KNOW WHAT IT IS FIRST TO SEE IT CLEARLY



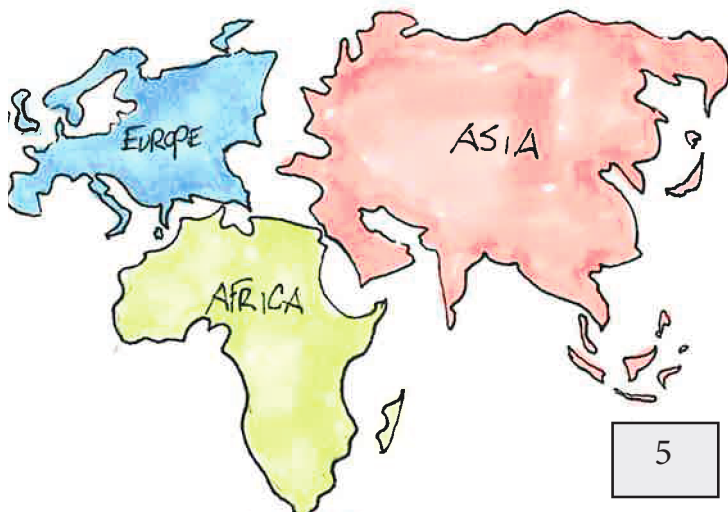
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WRITTEN BY 40 DIFFERENT AUTHORS



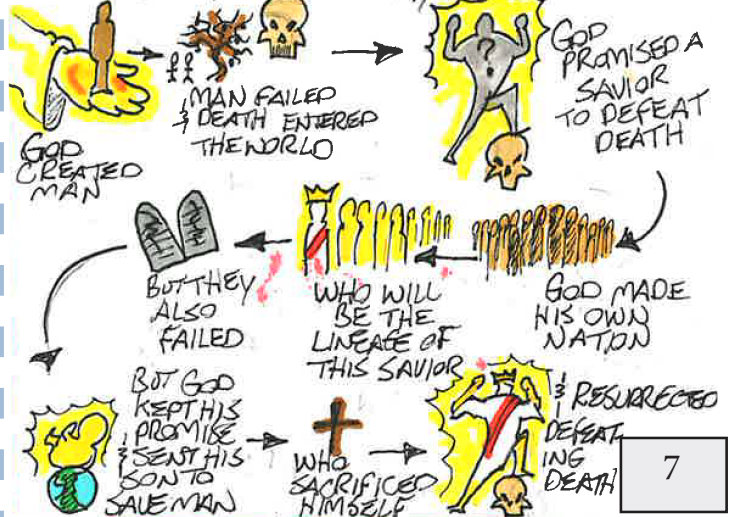
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IN 3 DIFFERENT CONTINENTS



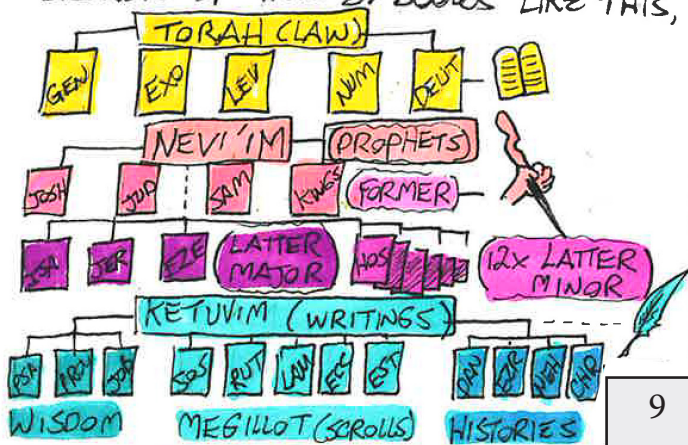
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TELLING ① CONSISTENT UNIFYING STORY



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THE OT IN HEBREW IS CALLED THE TANAKH & IS BROKEN UP INTO 39 BOOKS LIKE THIS,



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TOGETHER THEY USE A MIX OF DIFFERENT WRITING STYLES,



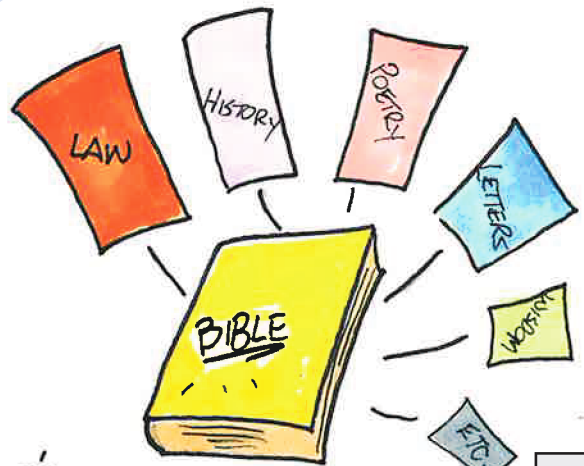
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OVER 1600 YEARS



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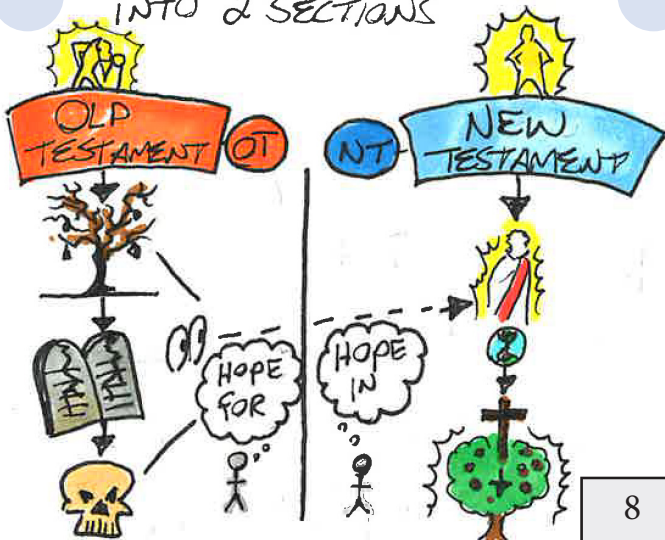
SO WHAT IS IT?



IT'S NOT ONE BOOK, BUT A COLLECTION OF BOOKS

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THE BIBLE IS BROKEN INTO 2 SECTIONS



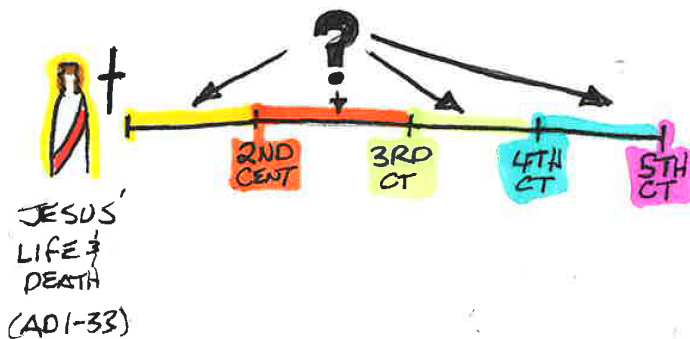
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USING 2 MAJOR LANGUAGES
+ 1 MINOR LANGUAGE



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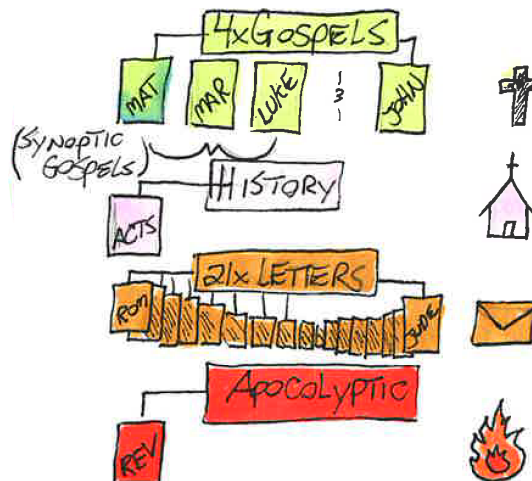
BUT WHEN WAS IT WRITTEN?
LET'S LOOK AT THE NT



WAS IT WRITTEN AD 1ST CENTURY, 2ND CENT, 3RD, OR LATER?

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THE NT IS BROKEN UP INTO 27 BOOKS LIKE THIS,



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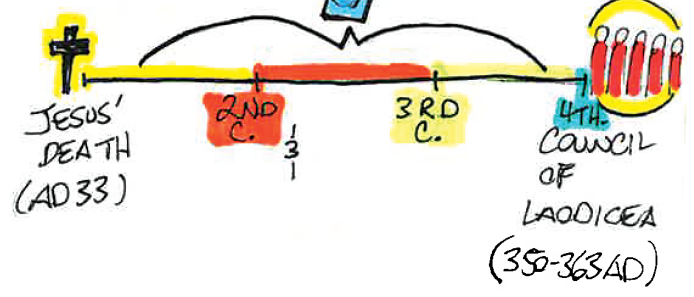
ENTER THE COUNCIL OF LAODICEA? (AD 350-363)

A COUNCIL OF BISHOPS MET IN PHRYGIA (CENTRAL TURKEY) TO DECIDE THE BOOKS OF THE NT 26 BOOKS WERE SELECTED



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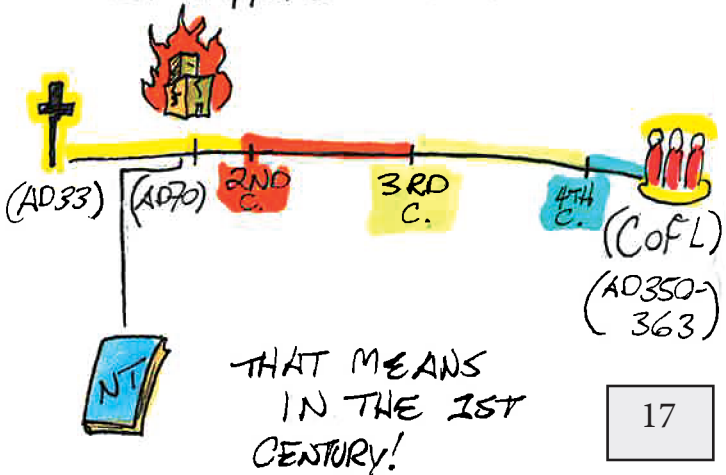
THIS TELLS US THAT THE NT WAS WRITTEN BEFORE THE COUNCIL MET



BECAUSE THE NT WE KNOW & HAVE TODAY, WAS COMPILED AT THIS COUNCIL & HAS REMAINED THE SAME

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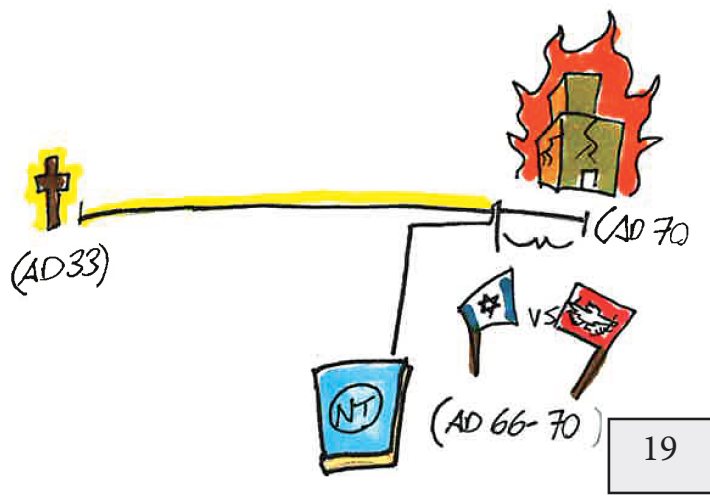
WHICH MEANS THE NT WAS WRITTEN BEFORE IT HAPPENED IN AD 70



THAT MEANS IN THE 1ST CENTURY!

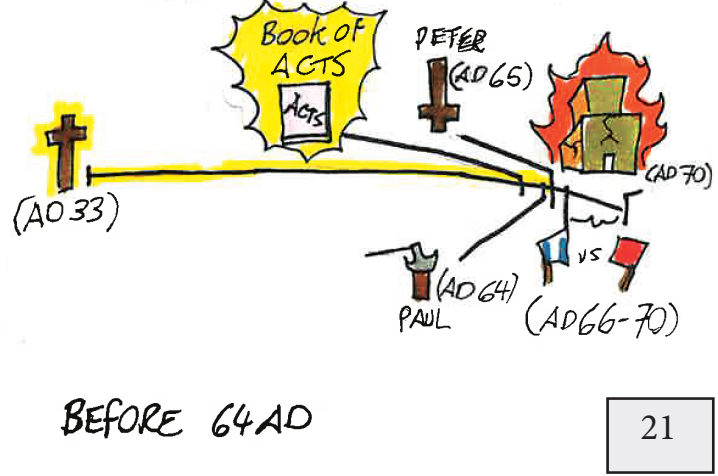
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THE NT MUST HAVE BEEN WRITTEN BEFORE AD 66



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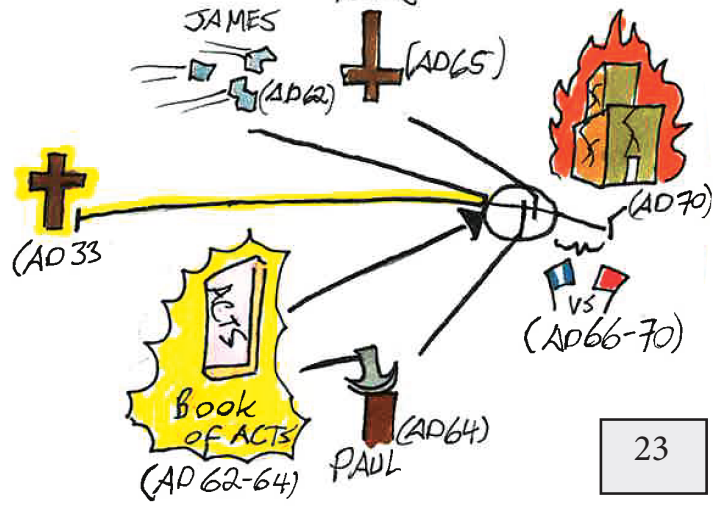
ACTS MUST BE WRITTEN BEFORE THESE EVENTS



BEFORE 64 AD

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ACTS MUST BE WRITTEN BEFORE THIS EVENT



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DESTRUCTION OF THE JEWISH TEMPLE (AD 70) IS NOT MENTIONED IN ANY LETTER, BOOK OR GOSPEL OF THE NT



(AD 70)

YET IT WAS A MAJOR WORLD EVENT!

JESUS DID HOWEVER, PREDICT IT WOULD HAPPEN!

{ MATT 24:1
MARK 13:1
LUKE 21:5-6 }



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REVELATION WAS LATER INCLUDED IN THE CANON BECAUSE IT WAS LISTED WITH THE OTHER BOOKS IN A LETTER FROM ATHANATHIAUS OF ALEXANDRIA IN (AD 367)



(367 AD)

WE NOW HAVE OUR 27 BOOKS OF THE NT

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IN (AD 65) PETER WAS CRUCIFIED UPSIDE DOWN & IN (AD 64) PAUL WAS BEHEADED



(AD 65)



(AD 64)

(ACTS 20:16-31)

HOWEVER, THE BOOK OF ACTS ENDS WITH PAUL IN PRISON (AD 62-64) & THE NT DOES NOT RECORD PETER'S DEATH

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BEFORE THE TEMPLE'S DESTRUCTION, A JEWISH REBELLION OCCURRED IN (AD 66), FOLLOWED BY A ROMAN 3YR SIEGE FROM (AD 67-70)



THE NT DOES NOT MENTION THESE EVENTS EITHER

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LUKE WROTE HIS GOSPEL BEFORE ACTS

(ACTS 1:1)

IN THE FIRST BOOK I HAVE DEALT WITH ALL THAT JESUS BEGAN TO DO & TEACH



(AD 62-64)

WHICH MEANS HIS GOSPEL IS WRITTEN EARLIER

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FLAVIUS JOSEPHUS (A JEWISH HISTORIAN) DOCUMENTED THE DEATH OF JAMES (JESUS' BRO) WHICH OCCURRED (AD 62)

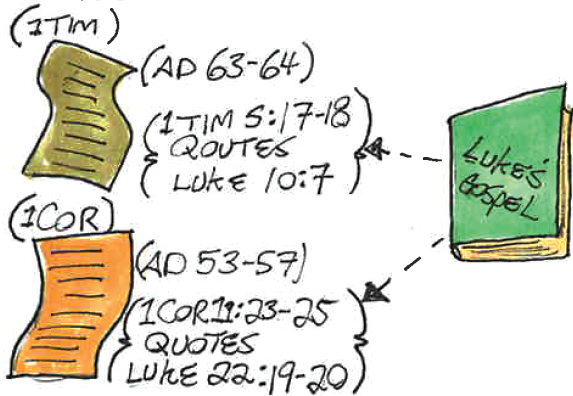


(AD 62)

THE NT DOES NOT MENTION IT

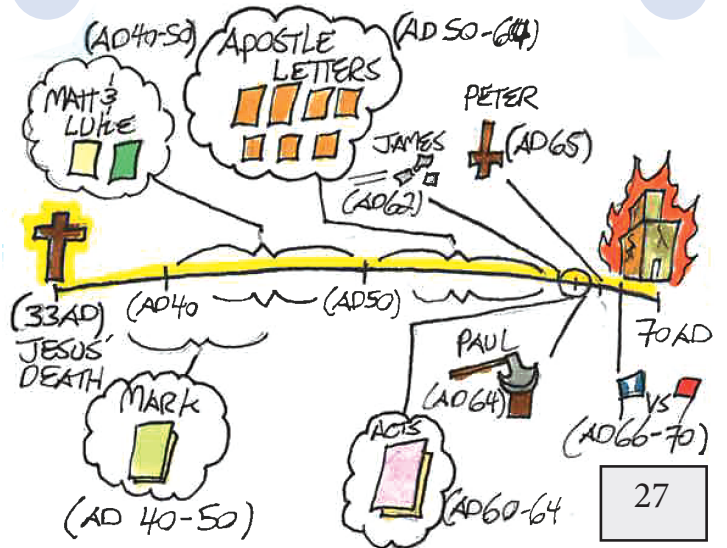
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BUT HOW MUCH EARLIER?
PAUL'S LETTERS ARE
ALSO DATED EARLIER THAN ACTS &
QUOTE LUKE!



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HERE'S OUR TIMELINE



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BUT IF THEY'RE EYE-
WITNESS STATEMENTS,
ARE THEY CORROBORATED?



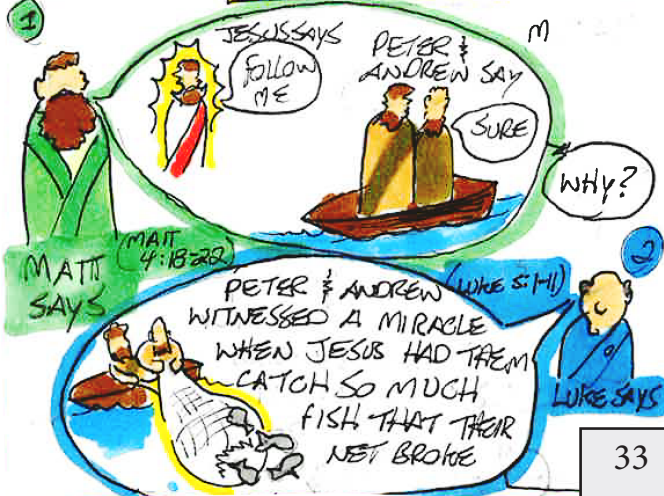
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THE GOSPELS FINISH
EACH OTHER'S THOUGHTS
(I.E.) THE FEEDING OF 5000



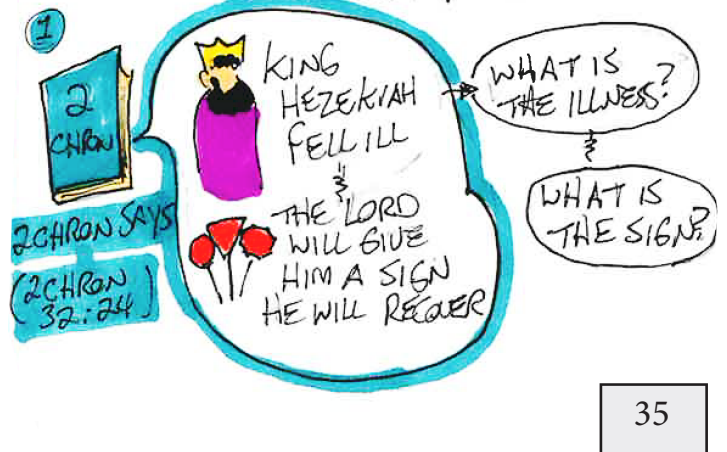
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(I.E.) THE CALLING OF
THE DISCIPLES



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THE OT ALSO HAS
SIMILAR EXAMPLES



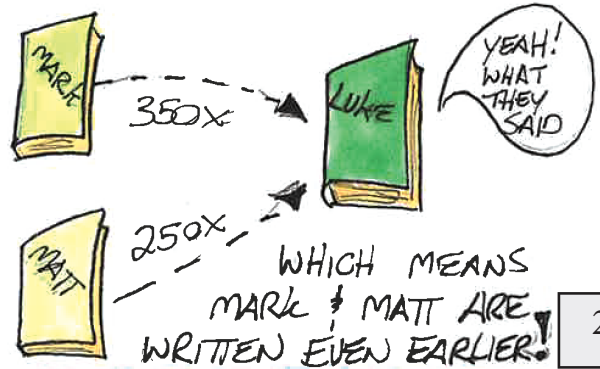
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THE GOSPELS ARE WRITTEN AS EYE WITNESS TESTIMONIES WITHIN 7-15YRS AFTER JESUS' DEATH

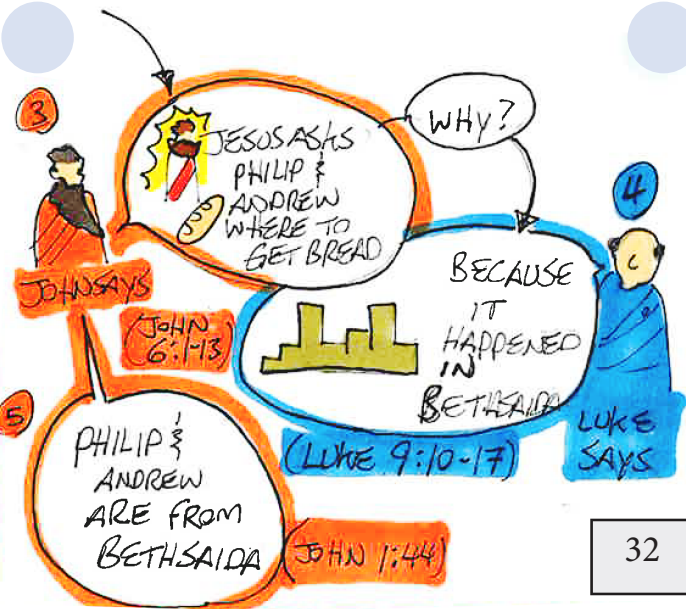


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BUT WAIT THERE'S MORE!
LUKE'S GOSPEL QUOTES MARK'S GOSPEL 350X
MATT'S GOSPEL 250X!

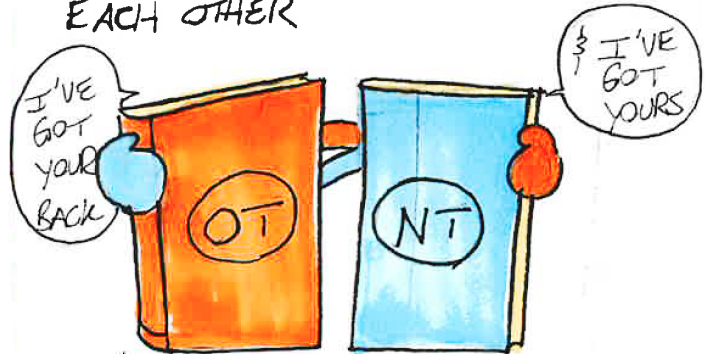


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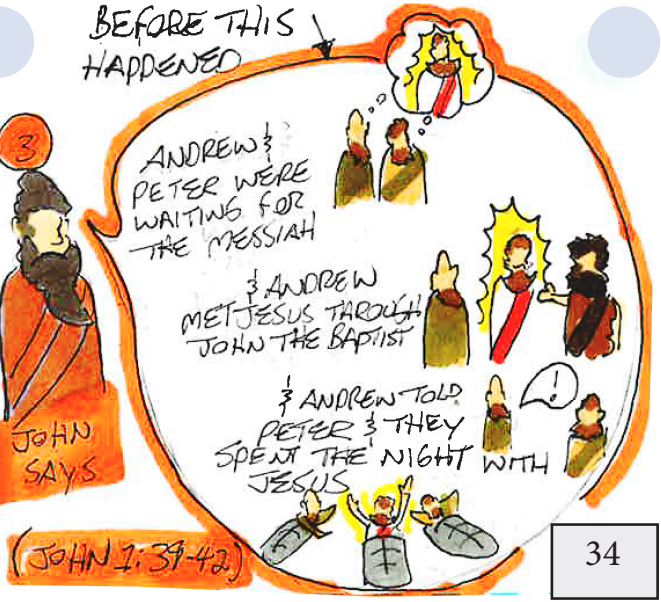
BOTH THE OT & NT CORROBORATE THEMSELVES & EACH OTHER



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THE BIBLE ALSO CORROBORATES ITSELF THEOLOGICALLY (I.E.) **THE VINE**

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"...I HAVE PLANTED A CHOICE VINE, A COMPLETELY FAITHFUL SEED..." (JER 2:21)



NT

"I AM THE VINE & MY FATHER IS THE VINE DRESSER..." (JOHN 15:1)

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BUT IF AN EVENT LIKE JESUS' DEATH & RESURRECTION OCCURRED WOULDN'T OTHER SOURCES OUTSIDE OF THE BIBLE CORROBORATE THESE EVENTS?



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PUBLIUS CORNELIUS TACITUS (AD 56-CA. 117) CONSIDERED ONE OF THE GREATEST HISTORIANS? HE WAS ALSO A POLITICIAN, ROMAN, & HE



- RECORDED
- NERO PINNED HIS FIRE OF ROME ON CHRISTIANS
- JESUS DIED, DURING TIBERIUS' REIGN, BY PONTIUS PILATE
- BELIEF IN CHRIST SPREAD FROM JUDEA TO ROME

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MARA BAR-SERAPION (C. 73-100 AD) SYRIAN & STOIC PHILOSOPHER; WRITES,



- CALLS JESUS "WISE KING"
- JEWS DRIVEN FROM THEIR LAND
- JESUS DIED BY JEWS
- BUT LIVED ON IN HIS TEACHINGS

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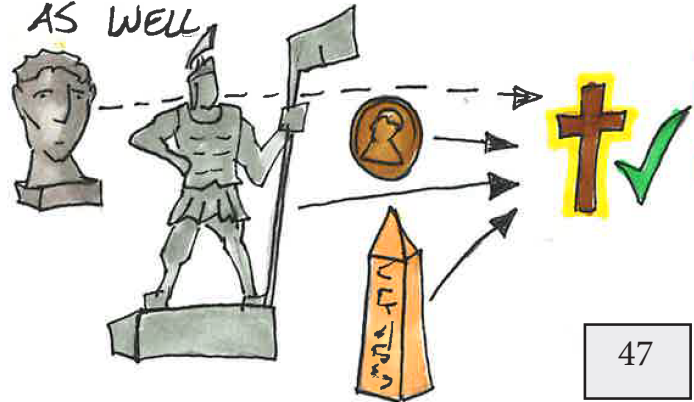
JEWISH/BABYLONIAN TALMUD (SANHEDRIN 43a) (AD 200) REPORTS FROM AN EARLIER TRADITION



- HANGED JESUS ON THE SABBATH OF PASSOVER
- CLAIM HE PRACTICED SORCERY
- MANY PEOPLE FOLLOWED HIM, CONSIDERED LED ASTRAY
- NO ONE DEFENDED HIM

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NOT ONLY DO ANCIENT HISTORIANS CORROBORATE THE GOSPELS, BUT ARCHAEOLOGY DOES AS WELL



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TITUS FLAVIUS JOSEPHUS
(AD 37-100) JEWISH HISTORIAN;



HE RECORDED



→ JOHN THE BAPTIST'S DEATH

→ JAMES'S DEATH AD 62

→ JESUS DIED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE

→ WISE, GOOD, VIRTUOUS MAN

→ HAD DISCIPLES WHO DID NOT ABANDON HIS DISCIPLESHIP

→ THEY CLAIMED HE APPEARED TO THEM 3 DAYS AFTER HIS CRUCIFIXION

→ THEY BELIEVED HE IS THE MESSIAH

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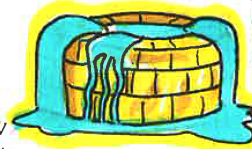
(I.E.) THE FOUNTAIN OF LIVING WATER

OT

NT

"...IN THAT DAY A FOUNTAIN WILL BE OPENED FOR... SIN & IMPURITY..."
(ZECH 13:1)

"THEY HAVE FORSAKEN ME, THE FOUNTAIN OF LIVING WATER..."
(JER 2:5)



"JESUS ANSWERED HER, 'IF YOU KNEW... WHO IT IS THAT IS SAYING TO YOU, 'GIVE ME A DRINK' YOU WOULD HAVE ASKED HIM, & HE WOULD HAVE GIVEN YOU LIVING WATER.'"

(JOHN 4:10)

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PHLEGON OF TRALLES
(AD 80-140) GREEK HISTORIAN:
RECORDED (AS QUOTED BY ORIGEN OF ALEXANDRIA & SEXTUS JULIUS AFRICANUS)



→ DURING JESUS' CRUCIFIXION, TIME OF TIBERIUS CAESAR, AT FULL MOON, A FULL ECLIPSE OF THE SUN OCCURRED FROM 6TH HR - 9TH HR

→ MENTIONED JESUS HAVING PROPHETIC POWERS

→ EARTHQUAKE OCCURRED

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THALLUS (CA. AD 5-60)
SAMARITAN HISTORIAN;
HE RECORDED (AS CITED BY SEXTUS)



→ DARKNESS

+ EARTHQUAKE

+ AN UNEXPLAINED ECLIPSE WITHOUT REASON

→ HAPPENED IN JUDEA

→ DURING JESUS' DEATH

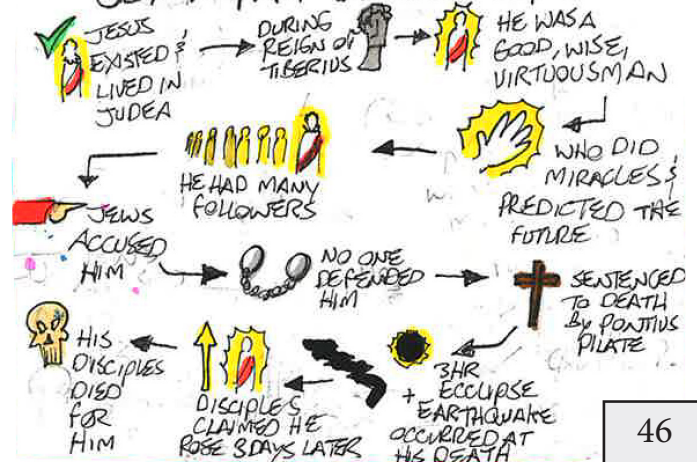
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THE NT ACCURATELY MENTIONS KEY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS



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THERE ARE MORE! BUT WITH THESE 6X SOURCES WE GET A PART OF THE GOSPEL!



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THE **NT** ALSO ACCURATELY MENTIONS KEY PLACES/LOCATIONS

ICONIUM (ACTS 13:51)
 LOCATED IN PHRYGIA (CENTRAL TURKEY)
 MONUMENT DISCOVERED IN 1910

Pool of BETHESDA (JOHN 5:1-9)
 IT WAS FOUND IN 1888

SMALL TOWNS LIKE EPHRAIM, CHORAZIN, BETHPHAGE ACCURATELY MENTIONED

Pool of SILOAM (JOHN 9:1-12)
 FOUND IN 2004

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THE **NT** ACCURATELY DESCRIBES CRUCIFIXION.

IN 1968, CRUCIFIXION VICTIM YOHANAN BEN HA'GAULOL WAS FOUND BURIED IN A TRADITIONAL "KOKHIM-TYPE" TOMB WITH NAIL SPIKES IN BOTH ARMS & FEET

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STELAS DESCRIBING VICTORIES OVER ISRAEL

TEL DAN STELE, DISCOVERED IN 1933-34
 BELIEVED TO BELONG TO KING HAZAEL (C. 842-806 BC)
 SPEAKS OF CONQUERING THE HOUSE OF DAVID DURING KING JERAM'S REIGN

MESHA STELE A.K.A THE MOABITE STONE DISCOVERED IN 1868-70
 (THE LOUVRE) KING MESAHA OF MOAB TALKS OF DEFEATING ISRAEL & KING OMRI

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BUT THE BIBLE HAS BEEN CHANGED & RETRANSLATED OVER THE CENTURIES HASNT IT?



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THE DISCIPLES PASSED DOWN THEIR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS TO THEIR DISCIPLES



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BUT WHO ARE THESE DISCIPLES & HOW DO WE KNOW THEY PASSED DOWN THE SAME MESSAGE?



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THE **OT** ALSO ACCURATELY RECORDS HISTORICAL EVENTS...



(2 KINGS 18:17-18) HEZEKIAH SEAL DISCOVERED IN 2009, READS "BELONGING TO HEZEKIAH [SON OF] AHAZ, KING OF JUDAH"



(2 KINGS 22:12) SHEMA SEAL DISCOVERED IN 1904, READS "BELONGING TO SHEMA, SERVANT OF JEROBOAM"

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THE **NT** ACCURATELY DESCRIBES GOVERNMENT PROCESS



(ACTS 22:28) TWO TYPES OF ROMAN CITIZENSHIP



(ACTS 24:1-9) HOW CRIMINALS WERE BROUGHT TO TRIAL



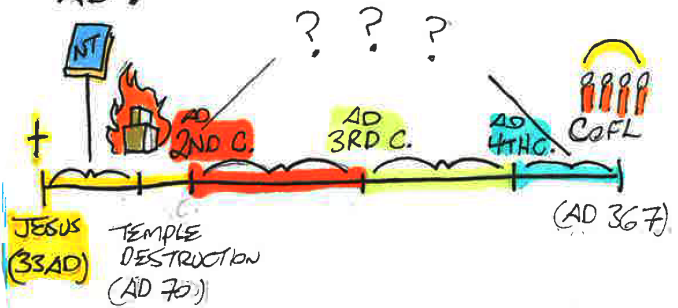
(ACTS 25:6-12) INVOLVE ROMAN CITIZENSHIP



(ACTS 28:16) 30-31 PRISONER HELD @ OWN EXPENSE

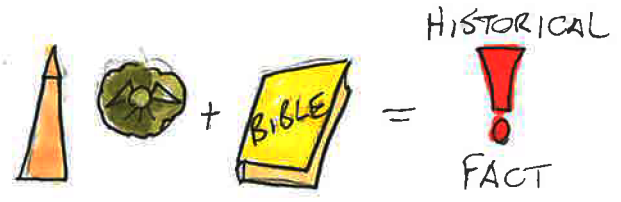
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HOW DO WE KNOW THE BIBLE WASN'T TAMPERED WITH BETWEEN 1ST & 4TH CENTURY AD?



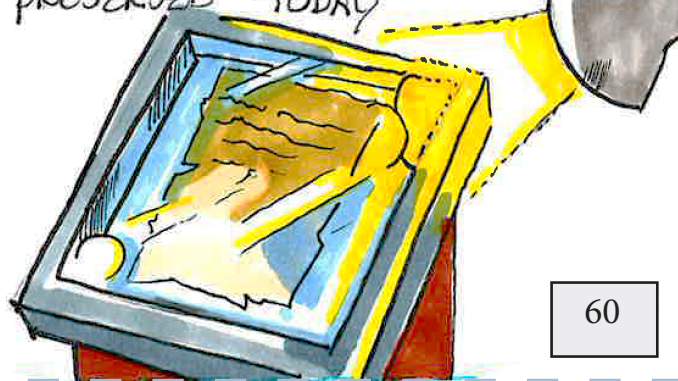
HOW WAS THE **NT** PASSED DOWN? 56

THESE ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDS ALL CORROBORATE THE HISTORICAL ACCOUNTS DOCUMENTED IN THE BIBLE,



THERE ARE MANY MORE ARTEFACTS, THESE ARE JUST A FEW. 54

LIKE THE ORIGINAL DISCIPLES & THEIR WRITTEN WORKS, WE ALSO HAVE WRITTEN WORKS FROM THEIR DISCIPLES PRESERVED TODAY



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WHO THEN PASSED IT ALONG TO THEIR DISCIPLES & SO-ON



THIS IS CALLED THE CHAIN OF CUSTODY

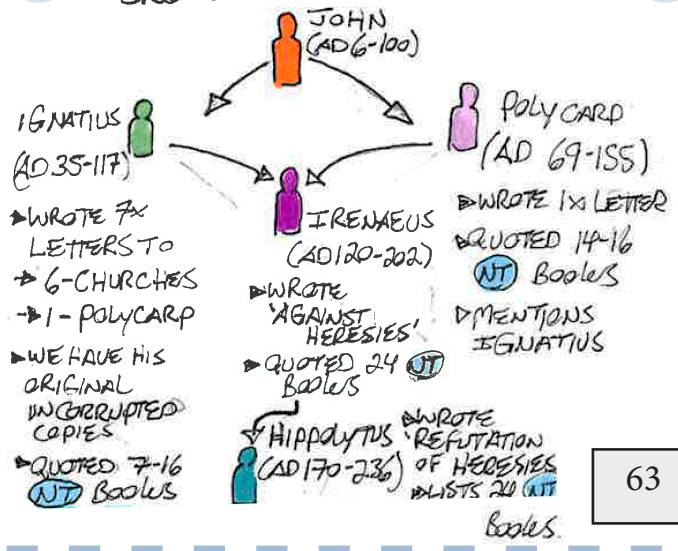
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WE CAN COMPARE THE WRITTEN WORKS OF THE FOLLOWING GENERATIONS OF DISCIPLES WITH THE NT WRITINGS OF THE ORIGINAL DISCIPLES



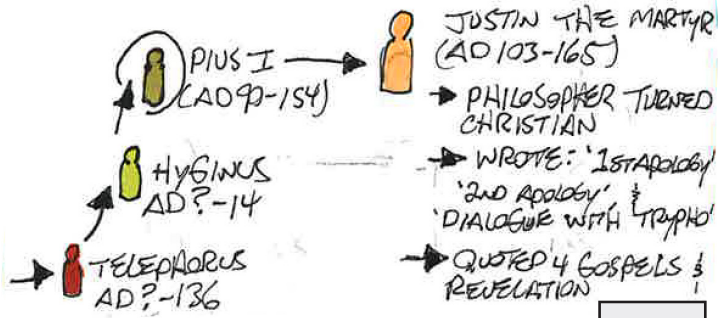
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STARTING WITH JOHN (AD 6-100) BRO OF JAMES

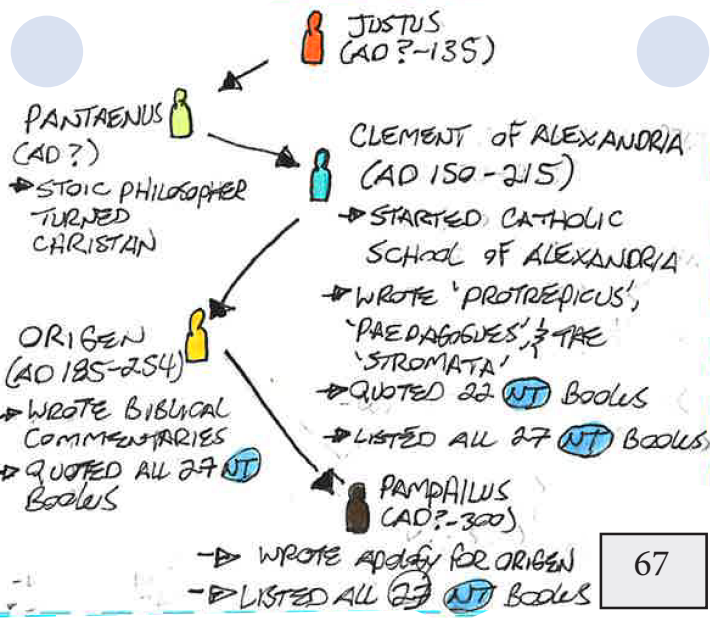


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DURING PIUS I'S PAPAL LEADERSHIP, JUSTIN OF CAESAREA, A.K.A. JUSTIN THE MARTYR, CONVERTED TO CHRISTIANITY

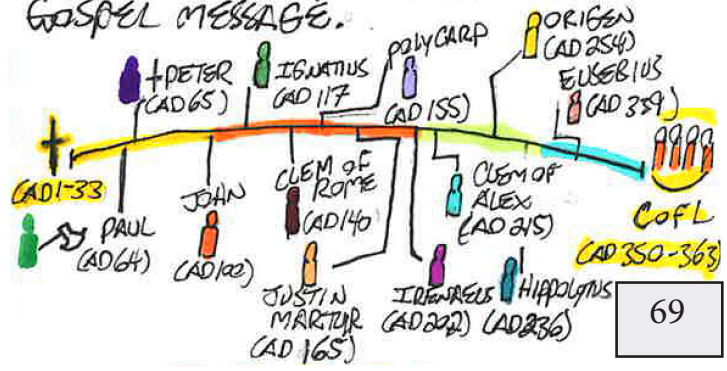


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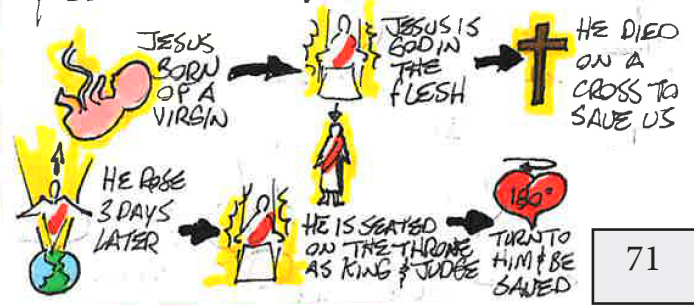
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ALTHOUGH NOT ALL THE LINEAGES OF EACH DISCIPLE IS FULLY KNOWN, THE ONES WE DO KNOW LEFT US SURVIVING WRITTEN WORKS QUOTING, LISTING, & PRESERVING THE GOSPEL MESSAGE.



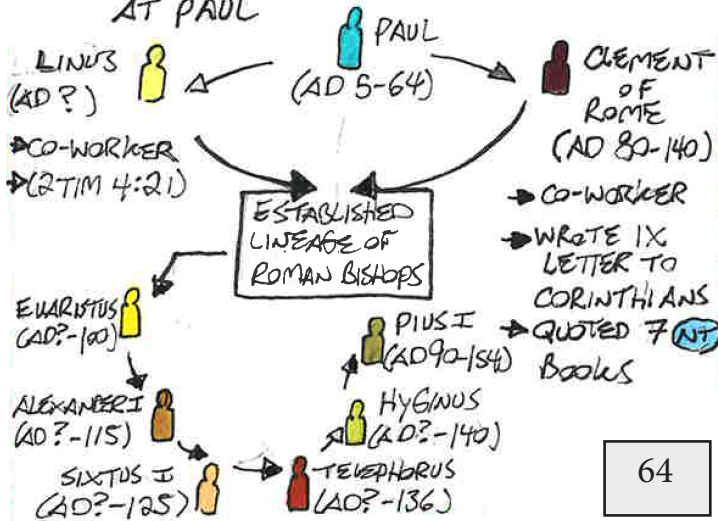
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IF WE DID NOT HAVE SURVIVING COPIES OF THE GOSPELS / NT, WE COULD STILL FIND THE FULL GOSPEL MESSAGE WITHIN THE WRITINGS OF IGNATIUS, POLYCARP & CLEMENT OF ROME!



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AFTER HIPPOLYTUS JOHN'S DISCIPLE TRAIL GOES COLD. LET'S LOOK AT PAUL



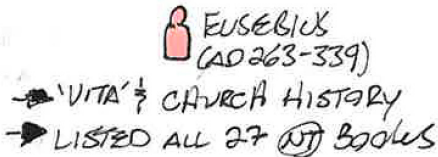
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SINCE MANY OF THESE DISCIPLES' LIVES OVERLAPED, WITH EACH OTHER, IF ONE OF THESE DISCIPLES MISREPRESENTED THE GOSPEL, THE OTHERS WOULD HAVE CALLED THEM OUT

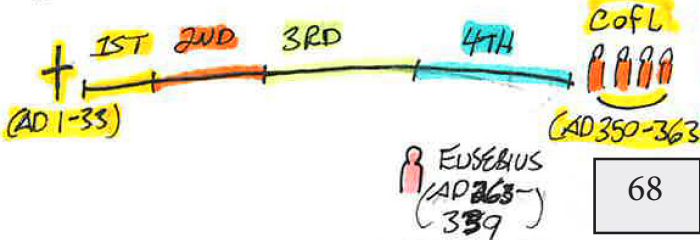


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ENDING WITH EUSEBIUS,

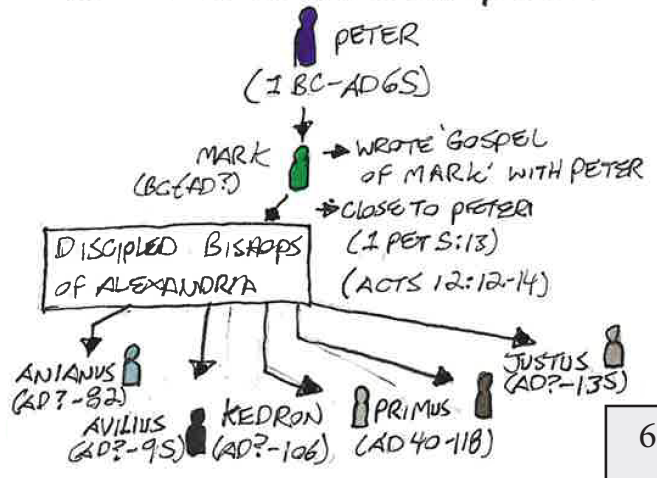


PETER'S DISCIPLE LINEAGE BRINGS US INTO THE 4TH CENT A.D. & VERY CLOSE TO THE COUNCIL OF LAODICEA



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AFTER PIUS I & JUSTIN MARTYR PAUL'S DISCIPLE TRAIL GOES COLD. LET'S LOOK AT PETER



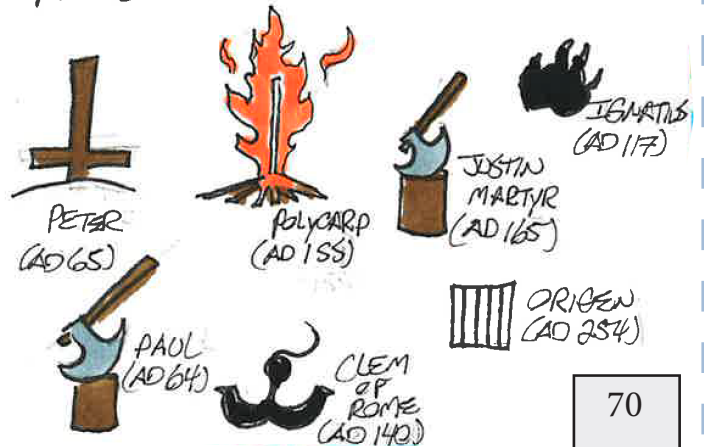
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SO HOW WERE THE TEXTS PRESERVED & COPIED?



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THESE DISCIPLES DEDICATED & SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES TO PRESERVE THE GOSPEL



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RECORDING & COPYING TEXT WAS A TRADITION RETAINED SINCE THE DAYS OF MOSES (LEVIT 31:24-26)



THE FIRST CHRISTIANS, BEING JEWS, ALSO USED THIS TRADITION FOR THE NT

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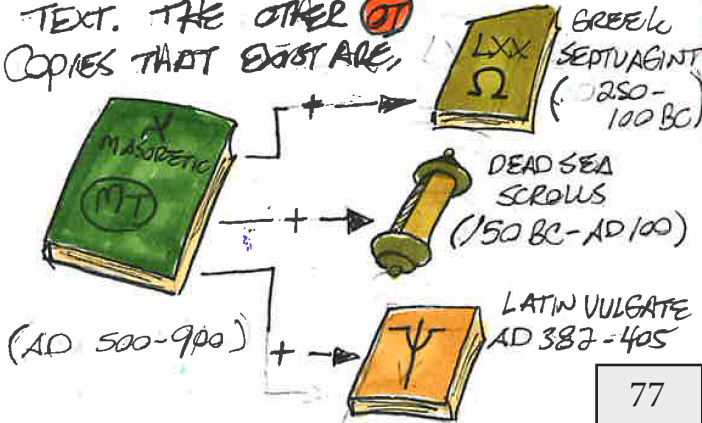
THE MASORETES ARE A HEBREW GROUP THAT CREATED STRICT GUIDELINES ON HOW TO COPY SCRIPTURE (AD 600-950)



MASORETE = MEANS TRADITION

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THE MASORETES MADE A COPY OF THE OT WHICH WE REFER TO AS THE MASORETIC TEXT. THE OTHER OT COPIES THAT EXIST ARE,



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METICULOUSLY WRITTEN & PRESERVED, ALL 39 BOOKS OF THE OT WERE INCLUDED IN THESE SCROLLS.



SOME HOWEVER WERE DAMAGED BY AGE & SO UNREADABLE

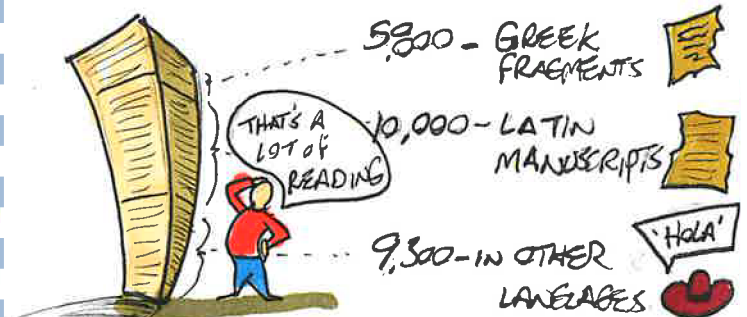
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THE 5% OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ISAIAH IN THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS VS THE MASORETIC DO NOT CHANGE THE MEANING, THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS,

- ① SPELLING - I.E. COLOR VS COLOUR
A B C
- ② GRAMMAR - I.E. ISAIAH HIS SONS WENT VS ISAIAH [AND] HIS SONS WENT
A B C
- ③ CLARITY - I.E. "THEY SHALL SEE [LIGHT]" (ISA 53:11)
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FOR THE NT WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY 25,000 MANUSCRIPTS!



SOME ARE AS EARLY AS 1ST-2ND CENTURY A.D.!

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THEY WOULD MAKE SPECIFIC NOTES IF THEY FOUND ANY COPIED ERRORS



EVERY VERSE, WORD, LETTER OF THE TORAH WAS NUMBERED TO ENSURE EXACT REPLICATION
 → LEV 8:8 = MIDDLE VERSE
 → LEV 10:16 "DARASH" = MIDDLE WORD
 → LEV 11:42 "WAW" = MIDDLE LETTER

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OVER THE CENTURIES DIFFERENT MATERIALS HAVE BEEN USED TO RECORD



STONE TABLETS, STELES



HEY WHO DID THAT!

ANIMAL HIDE, PARCHMENT



REEDS FROM THE NILE, PAPYRUS

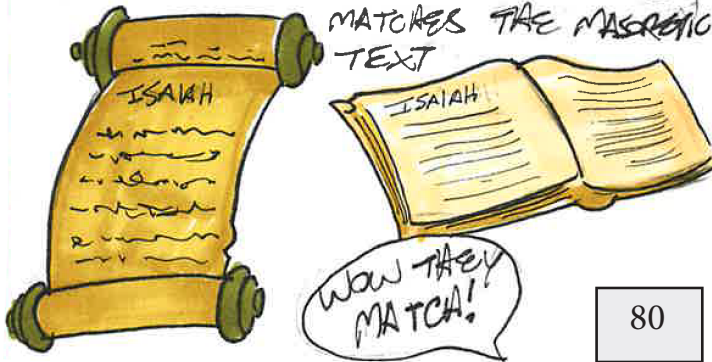


ROLLED PAPYRUS OR PARCHMENT, SCROLL

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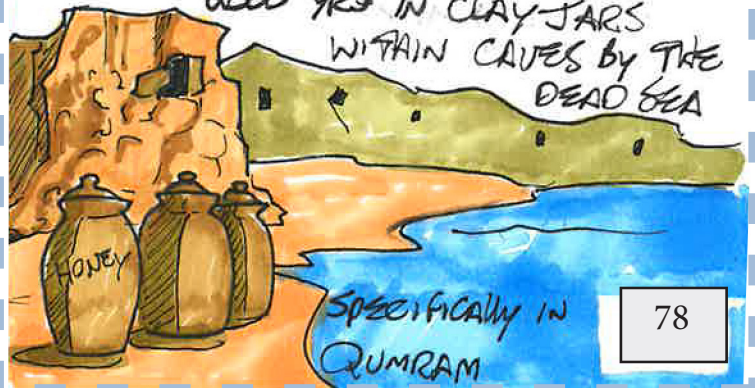
THE BOOK OF ISAIAH WAS FULLY IN TACT & COULD BE COMPARED DIRECTLY TO THE MASORETIC TEXT, 95% OF ISAIAH FROM THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS

MATCHES THE MASORETIC TEXT



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IN 1947 & AGAIN IN 2001, THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS WERE DISCOVERED. WRITTEN BETWEEN (50 BC - AD 100) THEY WERE PRESERVED 2000 YRS IN CLAY JARS WITHIN CAVES BY THE DEAD SEA



SPECIFICALLY IN QUMRAM

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WHY ARE SOME BOOKS NOT INCLUDED IN THE BIBLE?



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LIKE THE OT WRITERS, THE DISCIPLES & EARLY CHURCH FATHERS SAW THE NT AS SACRED & NEEDING TO BE KEPT SAFE



IT MUST BE KEPT SAFE!



(1 TIM 5:17-18)
(2 PET 3:15-16)

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TO PUT THIS HIGH NUMBER IN PERSPECTIVE, NO OTHER HISTORICAL EVENT OF ANTIQUITY IS AS WELL PRESERVED & DOCUMENTED! I.E.

★ CAESAR'S GALLIC WARS

- WRITTEN 1ST CENT. B.C.
- ONLY 10 MANUSCRIPTS EXIST
- COPIED 1000 YRS LATER



★ ARISTOTLE'S POETICS

- WRITTEN 4TH CENT. B.C.
- 5 MANUSCRIPTS EXIST
- EARLIEST COPY MADE 1400 YRS LATER



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FIRST OF ALL IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE, NONE OF THESE BOOKS ARE LOST



AFTER ALL WE HAVE THEM


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THE CHURCH DID NOT TRY TO HIDE THESE BOOKS, THEY SIMPLY DID NOT WASTE THEIR TIME INCLUDING SOMETHING THEY KNEW WAS FAKE



JUST BECAUSE IT USES THE WORD GOSPEL IN ITS TITLE, DOESN'T MAKE IT TRUE OR BIBLICAL

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THERE ARE ACTUAL  BOOKS THAT HAVE BEEN LOST, I.E.



THE BOOK OF THE WARS OF THE LORD (NUM 21:14)



BOOK OF JASHER (JOSH 10:13) (2 SAM 1:18)

HOWEVER, THERE'S NO RATIONAL REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THEY WOULD OFFER ANY NEW INFORMATION

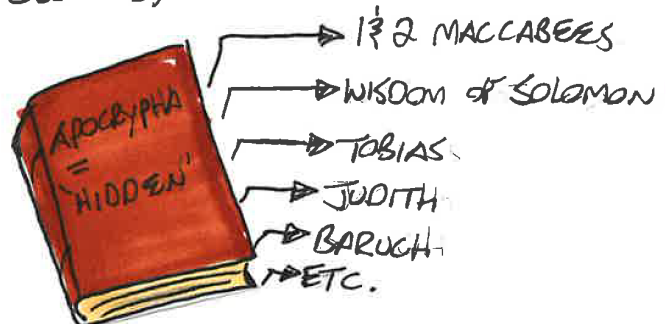
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THOSE IN CHARGE OF COMPILING SCRIPTURE HAD TO SIFT THROUGH FALSE FORGERIES USING A SET OF GUIDELINES, JUST AS WE DO TODAY



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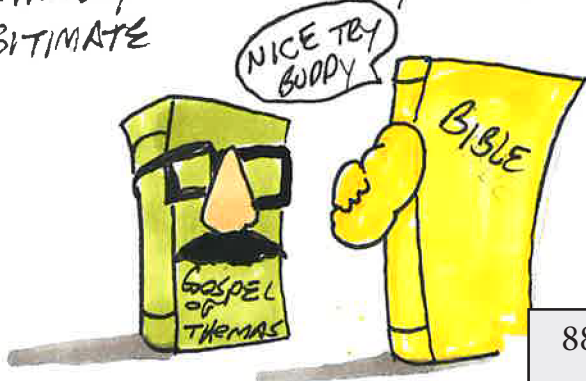
BUT WHAT ABOUT THE BOOKS IN THE APOCRYPHA? SUCH AS,



WHY DO SOME BIBLES HAVE THEM & OTHERS DO NOT?

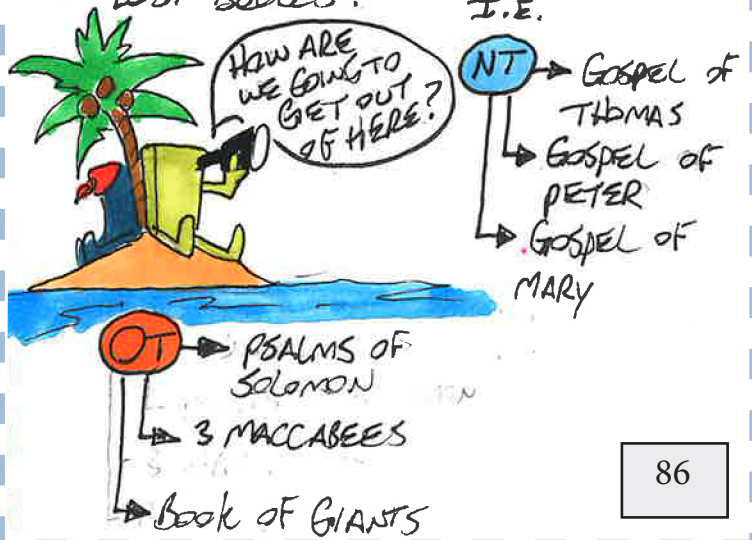
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IN FACT, MANY OF THEM WERE KNOWN BY JEWISH SCHOLARS & EARLY CHURCH FATHERS. NEVER IN HISTORY WERE THEY CONSIDERED LEGITIMATE



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HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE LOST BOOKS?



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THERE HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTS TO RECOVER THE ORIGINAL VERSIONS OF THE BOOK OF JASHER



HOWEVER THE ONES IN EXISTENCE ARE FORGERIES WRITTEN VERY LATE

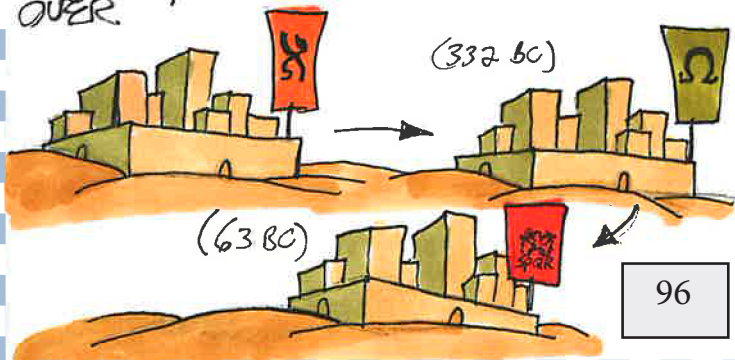
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THAT WOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO A RESPECTABLE PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL INCLUDING A POORLY WRITTEN ARTICLE ON FLAT EARTH THEORY



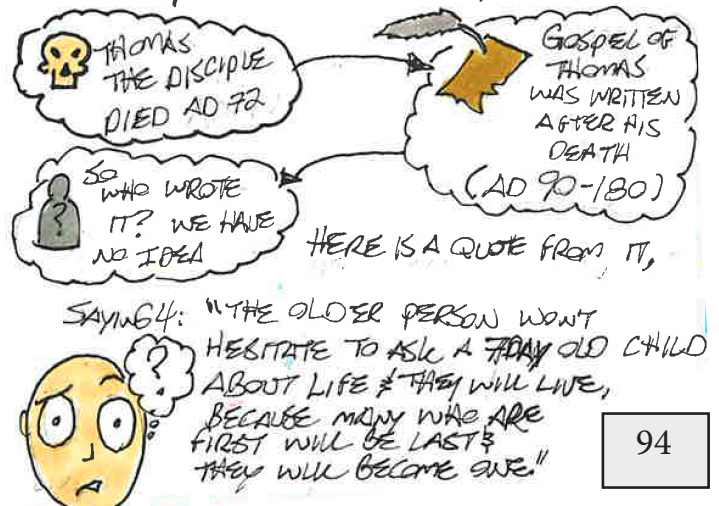
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BUT WHERE DID THEY COME FROM? BETWEEN APPROXIMATELY 332 BC UNTIL 63 BC, ISRAEL WAS OCCUPIED & INFLUENCED BY THE GREEKS & THEIR CULTURE UNTIL ROME TOOK OVER.



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FOR EXAMPLE, TAKE THE GOSPEL OF THOMAS;



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THESE BOOKS FALL INTO A DIFFERENT CATEGORY, CALLED BY SOME CHURCHES AS 'DEUTEROCANONICAL' WHICH MEANS 'SECOND CANON'



1/3 YOU GUESSED IT, THEY'RE NOT ACTUALLY HIDDEN

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IN AD 90 NON-HELENISTIC JEWISH SCHOLARS HELD THE COUNCIL OF JAMNIA, WHERE THEY CLASSIFIED THE BOOKS AS 'OUTSIDE HEBREW CANON'



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HOWEVER, UNLIKE THE PSEUDEPIGRAPHAL BOOKS, SUCH AS THE GOSPEL OF THOMAS, THE DEUTEROCANONICAL BOOKS ARE STILL CONSIDERED USEFUL READING FOR THEIR HISTORICAL RELEVANCE



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THE REASON FOR THEIR CONTENTION IS DUE TO THE TEXTS CONTRADICTION WITH THE BIBLICAL MESSAGE

(I.E.)

- SIRACH 3:30 "...ALMSGIVING ATONES FOR SIN!!"

- TOBIT 4:10 "...ALMSGIVING DELIVERS FROM DEATH..."

- 2 MACCABEES "HE ALSO TOOK UP A COLLECTION... 2000 DRACHMAS... HE MADE ATONEMENT FOR THE DEAD..."

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THE BIBLE ADMITS THAT WOMEN WERE THE FIRST TO WITNESS JESUS ALIVE 1/3 THAT THE DISCIPLES DID NOT BELIEVE THEM!
(MARK 16:1-8) (MAT 28:1-10) (LUKE 24:1-4) (JOHN 20)



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THE PHARISEES COMMISSIONED THE GUARDS WATCHING OVER JESUS' TOMB, TO SPREAD A FALSE REPORT THAT THE DISCIPLES STOLE THE BODY



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THE TALMUD CLASSIFIES THE EXTRA BOOKS AS 'SEFARIM HIZONIM' = EXTRANEOUS BOOKS & ST JEROME, WHO TRANSLATED THE SEPTUAGINT INTO THE LATIN VULGATE (AD 300) QUESTIONED THEIR DIVINE AUTHORITY



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IT WAS DURING THE GREEK OCCUPATION & INFLUENCE THAT HELENISTIC (GREEK INFLUENCED) JEWISH SCHOLARS TRANSLATED THE HEBREW TEXTS INTO THE GREEK SEPTUAGINT



IT WAS DURING THIS TIME THEY INCLUDED THESE SECONDARY TEXTS

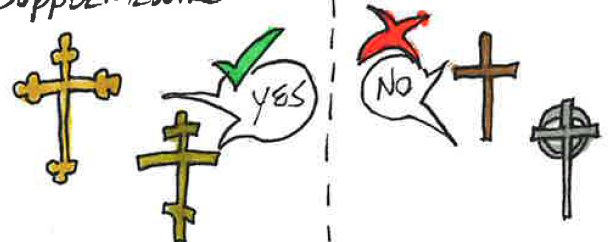
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OKAY, THE DISCIPLES REPORTED WHAT THEY SAW, BUT IS IT POSSIBLE THE DISCIPLES WERE BIASED & SAW WHAT THEY WANTED OR CONSPIRED IN SOME WAY?



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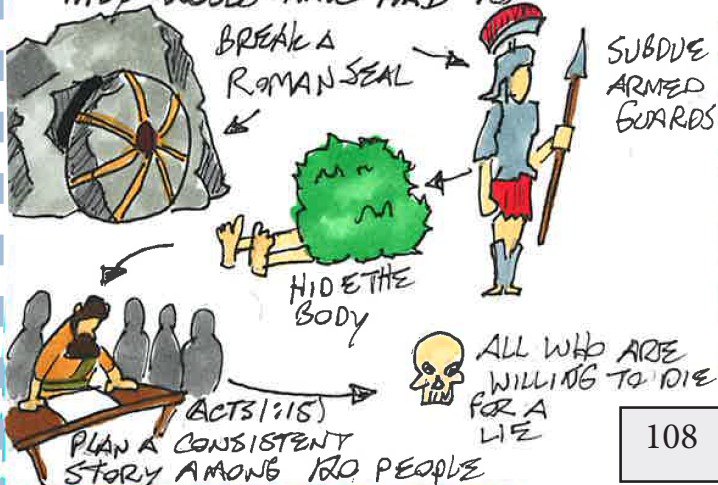
THE CATHOLIC & ORTHODOX CHURCHES STILL CONSIDER THEM CANON & A HANDFUL OF PROTESTANT CHURCHES INCLUDE THEM AS SUPPLEMENTAL



BUT MOST CHURCHES DO NOT INCLUDE THEM AT ALL

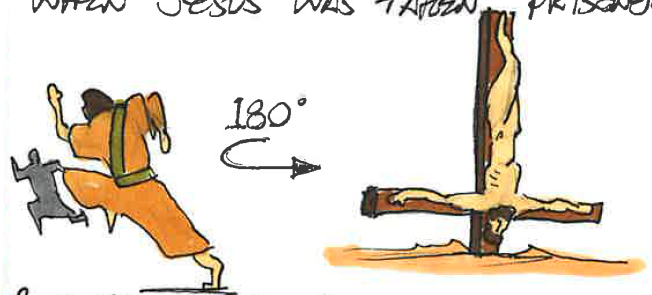
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IF THE DISCIPLES STOLE THE BODY OF JESUS & THEN LIED, THEY WOULD HAVE HAD TO



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MARK 14:50 TELLS US THAT ALL THE DISCIPLES FLED WHEN JESUS WAS TAKEN PRISONER



BUT THEN LATER, THE DISCIPLES DIED BRUTAL DEATHS FAR FROM ONE ANOTHER, UNABLE TO COLLABORATE, BUT ALL CLAIMING TO HAVE SEEN JESUS RISE!

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THAT HE WOULD HAVE HAD TO CONVINCE SAUL OF TARSUS, THE GUY WHO KILLED CHRISTIANS, TO CONVERT TO CHRISTIANITY & BE MARTYRED FOR IT!



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WERE THE DISCIPLES WEALTHY? ON THE CONTRARY, THEY WERE POOR & HOMELESS, AS WAS JESUS.

(LUKE 18:28)
(1 COR 4:11)
(ACTS 20:33)
+ MORE



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WHAT ABOUT POWER? ALL THE DISCIPLES FACED DAILY SUFFERINGS & EVENTUALLY DEATH



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I.E. THE DISCIPLES ABANDONED THEIR LORD IN HIS TIME OF GREATEST NEED



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NON-CHRISTIAN HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS & ARCHAEOLOGY CORROBORATE THE BIBLICAL NARRATIVE



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THE MOST REASONABLE CONCLUSION?



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WERE THEY AFTER SEX?
NOPE, ALL THE APOSTLES
WERE MARRIED EXCEPT JOHN
(1 COR 9:5)

CLEMENT OF
ALEXANDRIA
WRITES



"[THE DISCIPLES]
DEVOTED THEMSELVES TO
PREACHING WITHOUT
ANY DISTRACTIONS, &
TOOK THEIR WIVES
WITH THEM..."

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DID THE DISCIPLES HAVE
ANY MOTIVE TO LIE?

J. WARNER WALLACE, A HOMICIDE
DETECTIVE & EX-ATHEIST, SKYS IN HIS
BOOK 'COLD CASE CHRISTIANITY' THAT
CRIMINALS HAVE 3 MAIN MOTIVES



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THE AUTHORS METICULOUSLY
DOCUMENTED THE HISTORICAL
EVENTS WHEN THEY OCCURRED



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IN SUMMARY, THE BIBLICAL
AUTHORS HAD NOTHING
TO GAIN BY WRITING THE BIBLE.



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THESE SAME DISCIPLES
THEN HAD A PROFOUND
CHARACTER CHANGE, CHOOSING TO
SUFFER & DIE DEFENDING THE GOSPEL



& NON-BELIEVERS LIKE PAUL HAD AN
EXTRAORDINARY CONVERSION THAT
HE TOO WAS WILLING TO DIE FOR
WHAT HE WITNESSED

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