

## **Why should you believe in Jesus Christ**

Some people do not believe in Jesus Christ, because he/she does not believe in the New Testament. He/she thinks that the New Testament contains human voice and does not belong to God. Here are a few simple arguments discussing why one can trust the New Testament, and then why one can and should believe in Jesus Christ. This article is intended to those people who until now postpone their faith because they do not think that the Scripture is reliable. We hope that you will make up your mind soon after you read this article, or at least you will begin considering Jesus Christ seriously. This article is presented in small sections.

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Because He is the sole Judge in the End of Time, and that is when everyone will be judged based on his/her sins and past deeds. (The Acts of Apostles 10:42-43). And no one can release you from punishment unless you believe wholeheartedly in Jesus Christ. He is the true Savior, and through Him one can get salvation. The meaning of salvation is that you will be released from the burden of your sins and past mistakes, and you will be saved from hell by grace of God. That is why be hurry be hurry be very very very very very hurry to repent and receive Jesus Christ into your heart. Visit and read in [www.sciprint.org](http://www.sciprint.org) for a guide to help you repent properly and do your repentance.

### **Is the New Testament a reliable source?**

The New Testament is a collection of books and letters from early Christianity which represents what early Christian people believe. The document contains the four Gospels, one Acts of Apostles, and a number of letters written by St Paul, St Peter, St John and others, and the message is that Jesus is the Messiah, who has been prophesied by a number of prophets in the times of the Old Testament. (The Acts of Apostles 10:43).

The Gospels were intended to be historical records of what Jesus said and did during his life by the eye witnesses. (The Acts of Apostles 10:39-41). What they wrote may be out of imagination of human thinking in this twenty first century, but we shall rely on those eye witnesses who had written what they saw and did together with Jesus Christ. The simple criteria of eye witness governs here: that what they say can be deemed true if supported by

at least two witnesses. Two of Gospels were written by eye witnesses, who were direct disciples of Jesus Christ that is St. Matthew and St. John.

### **Does the New Testament represent the same document with the original Scripture?**

There are historical findings such as the Dead Sea Scrolls which represent fragments of the Gospel according to Mark, and the Scrolls date back to A.D. 50. There are other documents such as Codex Sinaiticus which date back to around the fourth century and it represents the complete New Testament Scriptures in early times of Christianity. However Codex Sinaiticus is by no means the oldest copy of the Gospels.

These documents tell us that the New Testament that we know today represent the same document with the original Scripture and that there is no change during the course of history. Of course there are differences in translation from Greek to Latin and other languages too, but the original Scripture remains unchanged.

### **Is the New Testament, and therefore Christian teaching, only a fiction made by St. Paul?**

Wrong argument. St. Paul only wrote a number of letters, which are called: the epistles. And he did not write the four Gospels, which were written by Mark, Matthew, Luke and John. Matthew and John were disciples of Jesus Christ, and Mark and Luke were both associates to St. Peter's and St. Paul's ministries, respectively. The Gospels were written in four approaches according to the writers, all of them were intended to be historical records of what Jesus said and did during his life by the eye witnesses. (The Acts of Apostles 10:39-41). St. Paul's teachings are in tune with other apostles's teachings, see the Acts of Apostles.

The word of Gospel is derived from the Old English *godspel*, meaning good spell, good story or good news. It was intended as a translation of the late Latin word *evangelium* or the Greek word *euangelion*, meaning good tidings.

Except the epistles, St. Paul also did not write other documents in the New Testament, for instance the Acts of Apostles.

### **Was Jesus recorded in history, outside the Bible?**

Jesus was recorded in a number of historical notes, for example by Josephus a historian. There are other sources outside the Bible which refer to Jesus as a prophet (only). This

includes Sura 3:3 and 5:46, which is also a Qur'anic description of the Gospel. The difference between what Qur'an reveals and what the Bible teaches us is that Qur'an rejects crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ, while this is a central theme in the New Testament.

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