# IF Week #2 April 22, 2018

# Six Realities Which Make It Reasonable To Believe That The Bible Is God's Word



## 1. The Bible's Historical Reliability

- Dates, Places, People, Storyline
- Archeological discoveries
- Extrabiblical writings

## 2. The Bible's Scientific Reliability

- Now admitting—outside power required to start the universe
- No evidence to show living creatures produce outside own kind

# 3. Historicity of the Resurrection

- Flavius Josephus—Jewish priest and historian (1st century)
- Historical writings of disciples' martyrdom

#### 4. The Bible's Unified Theme

- 1500 years
- 40 authors
- 3 different languages
- Different continents & cultures
- Absence of contradictions

#### 5. The Bible's Fulfilled Prophecies

- Over 300 Old Testament prophecies
- New Testament prophecies
- Mathematical Improbability

## 6. The Bible Manuscripts' Preservation

- Dead Sea Scrolls
- Plato—1200 years later—7 manuscripts
- Aristotle—1400 years later—7 manuscripts
- New Testament—same time period—14,000 manuscripts

- 1. To whom does the "Word" refer? Why is the name used? (John 1:1,14)
- 2. How did the world receive the Word? Why? (John 1:10)
- 3. Why was Christ called the Lamb of God? (John 1:29)
- 4. What is the significance of Christ's words, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days"? (John 2:19)
- 5. What did Jesus mean when He told Nicodemus he must be born again? (John 3:3)
- 6. What did Jesus say was necessary to have eternal life? (John 3:15)
- 7. What is the significance of Christ's claim to be the Messiah? (John 4:26)
- 8. How did Jesus describe His relationship with the Father? (John 5:18-24)
- 9. Can someone be right in relationship with God without being right in relationship to Christ? (John 5:23)



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