

Why I Believe in Jesus

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I. Solid Historical Foundation for Faith

Rom 10:17; Jn 20:31

Our Copies of NT
supported by:

- 5,000+ manuscripts
- 19,000+ versions
- 30,000+ quotations
before 325 AD

19,000+ of gospels

Their AGE, ACCURACY, and AUTHORSHIP
stand on solid rock of evidence unique in
world of ancient documents!

2. Strong Human Testimony to His Deity, Messiahship

- Human testimony:
- Juries
 - Science (not have to repeat Pasteur's experiment)
 - “Mom” & “Dad”

Jesus Christ: Jn 4:25,26; 5:18...23-25; 6:51;
8:12,58; 11:25,26; 14:6

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- John
the
Baptist:**
- No political ambition
 - Not swayed by popularity
 - Not motivated by money
 - Never accused of fraud, hypocrisy
 - Did not seek own glory
 - Esteemed by 1,000's who heard him

Jn 1:23,27,29-30,34

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Disciples:

- Andrew – Jn 1:41 (v39)
- Philip – Jn 1:45 (v46)
- Nathanael – Jn 1:49 (v46)
- Peter – Mt 16:16
- Thomas – Jn 20:28
- Etc. – Martha (Jn 11:21-22,27); Mt, Mk, Lk, Jn, other disc. (Mt 8:27;14:33; Jn 16:30)

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Samaritans: Jn 4:19,29,39,42

Gentiles:

- Centurion – Mt 8:8
- Pilate – Jn 18:38; 19:4,6
- Pilate's wife – Mt 27:19
- Centurion at cross - Mt 27:54

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Others:

- Man born blind – Jn 9:30-33
- Simeon – Lk 2:29-32
- Anna – Lk 2:38
- Seventy - Lk 10:17
- Thief on cross – Lk 23:41

Believe the witnesses?

- MANY
- Eye-witnesses
- Diverse