


# Why Jesus?

A black silhouette of a person's head and shoulders is positioned in the bottom left corner, facing right. The background features a bright sun on the left side, with numerous yellow and white rays radiating outwards across the entire frame.

Why the Bible?

# The Bible Claims to be God's Word

- Not every "holy book" claims to be God's Word



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- “Thus says the Lord” ~1200 times in the OT
- “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness” (2 Tim. 3:15)
- “No prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.” (2 Pet. 1:20-21)

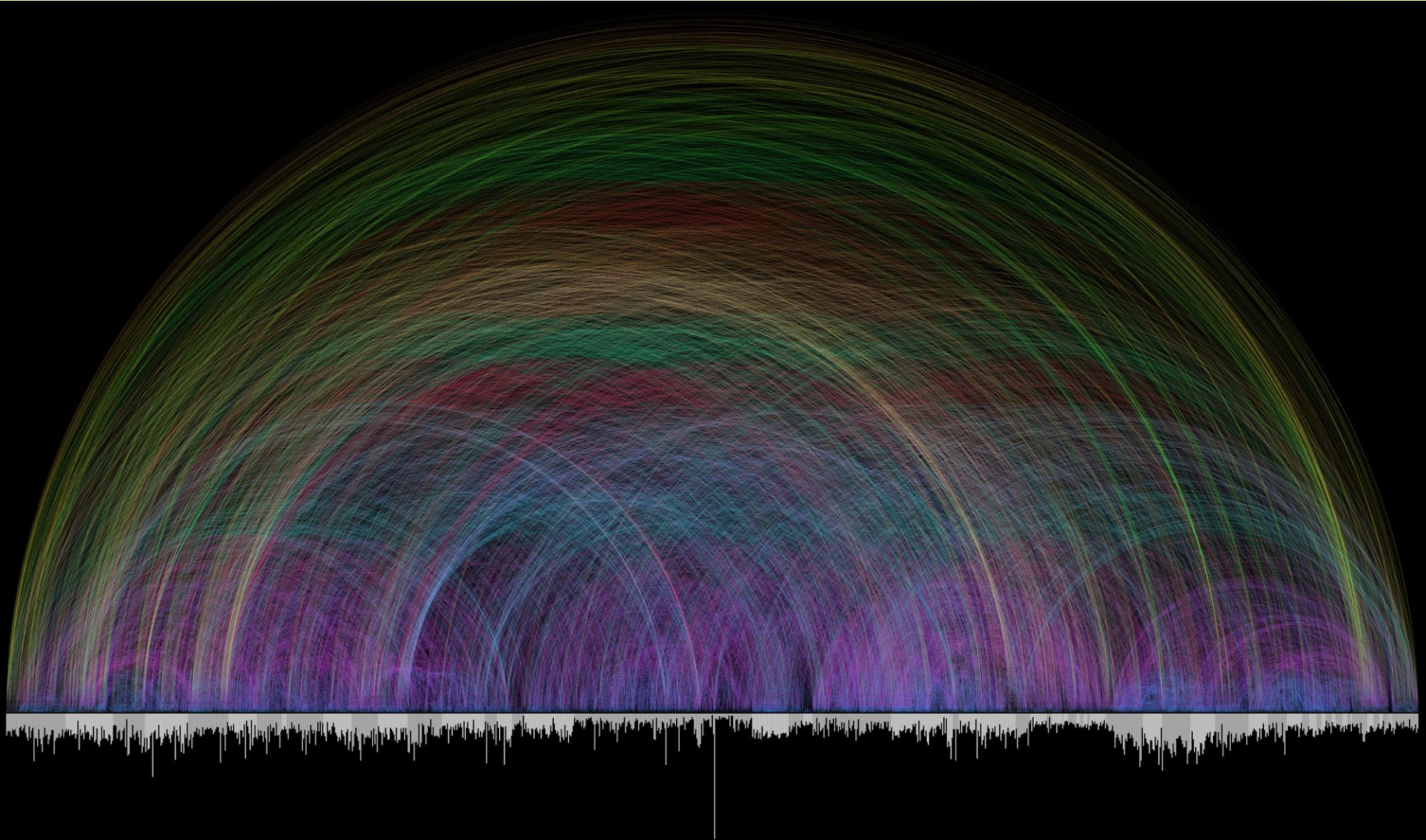
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- “Every word of God proves true” (Prov. 30:5)
- “Sanctify them in the truth, your word is truth” (John 17:17)
- “All may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”  
(2 Thes. 2:12)
- “They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.”  
(Rom. 2:15-26)

# The Bible is Uniquely Consistent

- Developed over 1500 years
- 40 Authors
- 3 Languages
- All Walks of Life – king, priest, shepherd, fisherman, rabbi, etc.
- 1 Overall Consistent Theme: Jesus Christ

# 63,779 Cross-References in the Bible



# The Bible is Uniquely Historical

- Quran claims to be a book of religious laws
- Mormon based on “golden tablets” that conveniently were taken away by an angel and has not been verified historically or archeologically
- Hindu Vedas do not claim to be historically based



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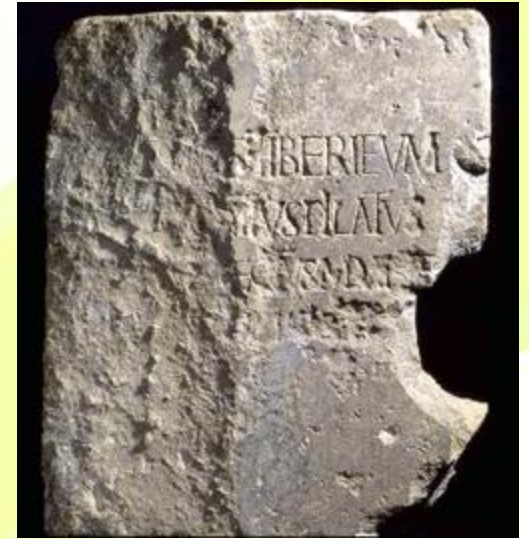
- Bible rooted in real history, real places, real people
  - Eye-witness accounts
  - New Testament written by A.D. 95
  - Events confirmed by sympathetic & antagonistic sources
  - Bible challenges people to research the facts

# The Bible is Uniquely Historical

- Bible is archaeologically sound

“No archaeological discovery has every controverted a single Bible reference. Scores of archaeological findings have been made which confirm in clear outline or exact detail historical statements in the Bible. And, by the same token, proper evaluation of biblical descriptions has often led to amazing discoveries.”

*-Nelson Glueck*



Pontius Pilate Prefect of Judea (discovered 1961)

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- Bible is historically sound
  - “Luke is a historian of the first rank; not merely are his statements of fact trustworthy; he is possessed of the true historic sense... In short, this author should be placed along with the very greatest of historians.”

*-Sir William Ramsay*



# The Bible is Uniquely Preserved

- Old Testament recording and replicating
  - New Testament bibliographic method comparison
- “The last foundation for any doubt that the Scriptures have come down to us as they were written has now been removed. Both the authenticity and the general integrity of the books of the New Testament may be regarded as finally established.”

*-Sir Frederic Kenyon (former director of the London Museum)*

# The Bible is Uniquely Honest

- The loving, righteous, and holy nature of God
- The sinful nature of humanity
- Salvation through grace alone

*Honesty*

# Resources for Further Research

- *Choosing Your Faith* by Mark Mittelberg
- *The Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel
- *The New Testament Documents: Are They Reliable?* By F.F. Bruce
- *Illustrated Manners and Customs of the Bible* by J.I. Packer
- *Inerrancy* by Norman Geisler
- *ESV Study Bible* (Articles & Resources)