

Lewis Howes Question: How do you know the bible is reliable or inspired?

For the New Testament its reliability is

- 1). Anchored in a resurrected Messiah.
- 2). Authenticated by a redundant parallel historical testimony.

The Resurrected Messiah. Even leading atheistic textual scholar Bart Ehrman will confirm the following facts:

- 1). Jesus existed.
- 2). Jesus was a preacher who people believed performed miracles.
- 3). Jesus was crucified.
- 4). The tomb was empty.
- 5). His disciples who were once cowards were empowered after His crucifixion.

So if a man claimed to be God, prophesied of His death and resurrection and then got up from the grave...doesn't that authenticate His Teachings and mission?

Redundant matching parallel texts.

Biblical historians know about Jesus thru redundant historical texts that proceed from separate locations. The Gospel Story by far is the most well documented fact of antiquity

We know that we have textual sources from two different regions(Egypt and Asia Minor) bearing witness to what his teachings were and what the early church believed. This explains how we know that the story didn't change. If someone made it up...how did they corrupt both sources?

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