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LAST THINGS FIRST

*Bible stories*

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*The story  
of the Bible*

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# HOW YOU GOT YOUR FIRST BIBLE ...

“This is **God’s Word**, it’s **all true**,  
now **live** your **life** by it.”

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For **many** of us,  
who were raised with it,  
if the Bible **says** it, that **settles** it.

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*Many* have undertaken to draw up an account of the *things* that have been *fulfilled* among us, just as they were *handed down* to us by *those* who from the first were *eyewitnesses* and servants of the *word* (Living Expression).

Luke 1: 1-2 NIV

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*With this in mind,  
since I myself have **carefully** investigated  
**everything** from the **beginning**,  
I too decided to write an **orderly** account for you,  
most excellent **Theophilus** (mighty lover of God),  
so that you may know the **certainty**  
of the **things** you have been **taught**.*

Luke 1: 3-4 NIV

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*Luke tells us **why** and **how**  
the story of the Bible **began**.*

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*The story of the Bible  
**begins** at the **tomb** of Jesus.*

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*Now there was a man named **Joseph**,  
a member of the Council, a good and upright man,  
who had not consented to their decision and action.  
He came from the Judean town of **Arimathea**,  
and he himself was **waiting** for the kingdom of God.  
Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' **body**.  
Then he took it down, **wrapped it** in linen cloth  
and **placed it** in a **tomb** cut in the **rock**,  
one in which no one had yet been laid.*

Luke 23: 50-53 NIV

*The **women** (Mary Magdalene & the other Mary) who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the **tomb** and **how** his body was **laid** in it. Then they went **home** and prepared **spices** and **perfumes**. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment.*

Luke 23: 55-56 NIV

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*After the **crucifixion**  
there were **no** Christians.  
**nobody** was a believer.*

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*It was “**game over**”, because  
everybody had **unfollowed**.*

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*On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the **woman** took the **spices** they had prepared and went to the **tomb**. They found the stone **rolled away** from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the **body** of Jesus. While they were **wondering** about this ... “Why do you look for the **living** among the **dead**? He is not here; **he** (Jesus) has **risen**!*

Luke 24: 1-4a, 5b-6a NIV

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*Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by **miracles, wonders and signs**, which God did among you through him (Jesus), as **you** yourselves know.*

*This man was handed over to **you** by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and **you**, with the help of wicked men, put him **to death** by nailing him to a cross. But God **raised him** from the dead, ... God has **raised** this Jesus to **life**, and **we** are all **witnesses** of it.*

Acts 2: 22-24a & 32 NIV

*Christianity did not **begin** in Genesis,  
with “In the beginning ...”,  
it **began** in the gospels  
with **eyewitness** accounts  
of the **resurrection** of Jesus.*

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*The **Bible** is not the **foundation**  
of our **faith** (Christianity)  
the **empty tomb** of Jesus is.*

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*For what I received I passed on to you  
as of first importance: that **Christ** (Jesus) **died**  
for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he **was buried**,  
that he **was raised** on the third day  
according to the Scriptures, and that **he appeared**  
to Cephas (**Peter**), and then to the **Twelve**.  
After that he appeared to more than **five hundred**  
at the same time ... Then he appeared to **James**,  
then to all the apostles, and last of all  
he appeared to **me** (Paul the Apostle) ...*

1 Corinthians: 15: 3-8a NIV

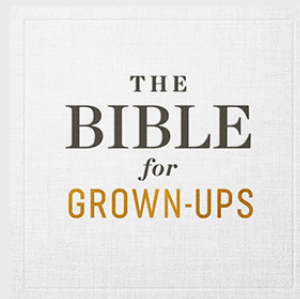
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# WHY SO MANY?

*Many* have undertaken to draw up an account  
of the things that have been fulfilled among us, ...

- Luke 1:1 NIV

- Matthew
- James
- John Mark
- Paul
- Luke
- Peter
- Hebrews (Unknown)
- Jude
- John



*Jesus performed **many** other signs  
in the **presence** of his disciples,  
which are **not recorded** in this **book**.  
But **these** (words) are written that **you** may*

John 20: 30-32 NIV

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*Jesus performed many other signs  
in the presence of his disciples,  
which are not recorded in this book.  
But **these** (words) are written that **you** may  
**believe** that **Jesus** is the **Messiah**, the **Son of God**,  
and that by **believing** (in him)  
you may **have** (eternal) **life** in his name.*

John 20: 30-32 NIV

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*The **reason** something was **written**  
was **because** something **happened**.*

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*The assembly of the very first  
**ta' biblia** (the Bible) in 386 – 388 AD  
was **inspired** by the **documents** that document  
the life, death and **resurrection** of Jesus.*

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