

LESSON 6.1: TEXTS

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 1:1-4, ACTS 1:1-3

SUMMARY:

Luke tells us that sharing accurate information about the life of Jesus is a priority (Luke 1:3). He states that all of his information came from eyewitnesses (v. 2) so readers would know that he was relaying true, carefully-investigated, historical events. But how do we know, thousands of years later, that our Bible contains the same teachings that Jesus passed on to His disciples or the same letters that Paul wrote?

The Israelites safeguarded the original Hebrew Scriptures in the temple and when they were eventually copied, it was done with utmost care. We can be even more confident of the transmission of the New Testament because of the sheer number of existing copies. We also know the process by which the Bible was transmitted was a sacred duty that required strict oversight. Therefore, we can have utmost confidence that the Bible we have today was transmitted accurately and reliably.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Talk to me about the most interesting thing you learned from this week’s lesson.
- What is the process of the transcription and translation of Scripture?
- How convinced are you of the reliability of Scripture?
- How does the reliability of Scripture impact your life and faith?
- Describe your next steps based on what you’ve learned. How can I help?