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- ▶ The text of the NT is 99% the same as when it was written.
- ▶ The teaching of the NT is accurate in every historically verifiable claim.
- ▶ Therefore, the NT is historically reliable regarding the life and teaching of Jesus.
- ▶ Jesus taught that the OT was perfectly and eternally accurate (Matthew 5:18).
- ▶ Jesus taught that the Old Testament pointed to him (Luke 24:27).
- ▶ Jesus rose from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:3-8).
- ▶ Therefore, Jesus' claims about the OT and about himself are true.
- ▶ Jesus gave the Apostles authority to teach in his name (Matthew 28:18-20).
- ▶ The New Testament write with Apostolic authority (2 Peter 3:15-16).
- ▶ Therefore, the entire Bible bears the authority of Jesus.

Do you find that argument convincing? Why or why not? Where do you have doubts?

What does each verse teach you about the Bible?

2 Timothy 3:15-17, 2 Peter 1:20-21, 2 Samuel 22:31

For each of these phrases, score yourself on how strongly you believe it (from 0-3):

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