



2026 FALL CONFERENCE



TRUSTING *the text*

THE RELIABILITY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

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**SESSION
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SESSION ONE

Imperfect Copies of the Perfect Word, Part 1

How *Much* did the Scribes Corrupt the New Testament?

What skeptics have to say

Dan Brown

Kurt Eichenwald

C.J. Werleman

M. M. Al-Azami, *The History of the Qur'anic Text from Revelation to Compilation: A Comparative Study with the Old and New Testaments*

Dr. Bart Ehrman, *Misquoting Jesus*

Two attitudes to avoid

Three issues to address

Imperfect copies of the perfect Word (Part 1):

Imperfect copies of the perfect Word (Part 2):

Scribal glitches and doctrinal ditches:

Two preliminary questions

Number of textual differences: bare statistics

Number of textual differences: good or bad?

The New Testament compared to

—typical Greek & Latin authors

—well-known Greek & Latin authors

Dates of New Testament manuscripts

The discovery of P52

Other early manuscripts

NT manuscripts before 1000

Comparison: Greek MSS behind KJV vs. modern translations

Bottom line

SESSION TWO

Imperfect Copies of the Perfect Word, Part 2

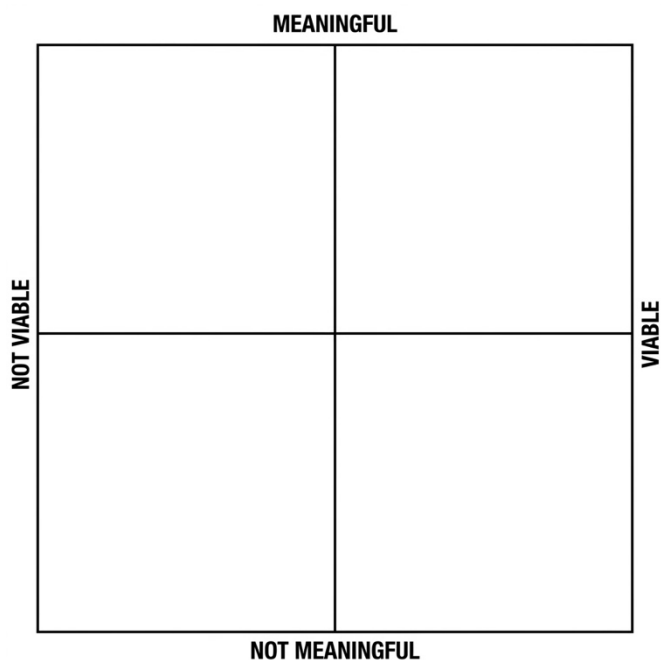
How *Badly* did the Scribes Corrupt the New Testament?

NT transmission and the telephone game

The versatility of Greek

Matrix of variants:

(Full color matrix available in the conference booklet)



Group 1:

Mark 8.10 in a late manuscript (Gregory-Aland 827)

Revelation 4.8 in Codex Sinaiticus

Second Hebrews (Gregory-Aland 794)

Group 2:

Movable *nu*

Other spelling differences

Group 3:

Preamble

John 1.30 in Codex L

1 Thessalonians 2.7 (Gregory-Aland 636)

Group 4

John 4.1

Mark 9.29

Revelation 13.18

Summary: How *badly* did the scribes corrupt the New Testament?

SESSION THREE

Scribal Glitches and Doctrinal Ditches:

Has the Essence of the Christian Faith Been Changed by the Scribes?

1 John 5.7 & the Trinity

Erasmus's Greek texts

Manuscript basis for the *Comma Johanneum*

Summary of evidence

The Two Biggies

Fundamental principle of textual criticism:

Mark 16.9–20

Would scribes omit these verses?

Internal evidence

External evidence

Blank column in Codex Vaticanus (B)

Versions & Fathers

Did Mark *intentionally* end his Gospel at 16.8?

Codex or scroll?

Ancient books ending in γάρ?

Open-ended conclusions?

Internal clues

Mark 9.30–32

Mark 1.1

Did Mark influence Luke?

Why end the Gospel like this?

John 7.53–8.11

Canonical vs. historical

Can it be historically true?

Respect for human author

The challenge of the Incarnation

External evidence

Internal evidence

The *pericope adulterae* and the pulpit

Constantine and the deity of Christ

Papyrus 66 (c. AD 200–250) & John 1.1:

Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ λόγος, καὶ ὁ λόγος ἦν πρὸς τὸν θεόν, καὶ θεὸς ἦν ὁ λόγος.

Other manuscripts of John 1.1:

What about other cardinal beliefs?

Viable variants that contradict the core doctrines of the New Testament:

Sir Frederic Kenyon, *The Story of the Bible* (1936):

Bart Ehrman, *Misquoting Jesus* (2005), p. 252 (paperback edition):

A FEW RESOURCES

“Can we trust the text of the New Testament?” (debate between Bart D. Ehrman and Daniel B. Wallace, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, October 2011; *one million+ views on various sites*):
<https://www.csntm.org/videos/>

Horton, Michael. “The Truth about the Bible and Early Christianity: A Dialogue with Wes Huff, Michael Kruger, and Daniel Wallace.” *Sola Media* channel on YouTube:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fqovqAmoecg>

Komoshewski, J. Ed, M. James Sawyer, and Daniel B. Wallace. *Reinventing Jesus: How Contemporary Skeptics Miss the Real Jesus and Mislead Popular Culture*. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2006.

Myths & Mistakes: Correcting Common Misconceptions about the Text of the New Testament, ed. Elijah Hixson and Peter Gurry (Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 2019). Foreword by D. B. Wallace.

Strobel, Lee. *The Case for the Real Jesus*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2007.
Interview of Daniel B. Wallace in “Challenge #2: The Bible’s Portrait of Jesus Can’t Be Trusted Because the Church Tampered with the Text.”

Wallace, Daniel B. “Inerrancy and the Text of the New Testament: Assessing the Logic of the Agnostic View.” *Evidence for God: 50 Arguments for Faith from the Bible, History, Philosophy, and Science*, edited by William A. Dembsky and Michael L. Licona (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2010), 211–19.

_____. “The Majority Text Theory: History, Methods, and Critique.” In a *Festschrift* for Bruce M. Metzger entitled, *The Text of the New Testament in Contemporary Research: Essays on the Status Quaestionis*, in *Studies and Documents*, volume 46, ed. B. D. Ehrman and M. W. Holmes, 2nd ed. (Leiden: Brill, 2012), 711–44.

. “The Gospel according to Bart: A Review Article of *Misquoting Jesus* by Bart Ehrman.” *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 49 (2006): 327–49.

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SESSION FOUR

*Saving Scripture:
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3. ***Myths & Mistakes in New Testament Textual Criticism*** edited by Gurry and Hixson: \$25 (\$35)
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4. ***Greek Grammar Beyond the Basics: An Exegetical Syntax of the New Testament*** by Wallace: \$35 (\$60)
 The standard intermediate grammar of New Testament Greek, translated into half a dozen languages and counting.
5. ***The Basics of New Testament Syntax*** by Wallace: \$20 (\$35)
 Abridgment of the big grammar, with cross-references to *Beyond the Basics*. I have used it myself to find where larger discussions are in the big grammar, and to give a crisp summary of syntactical categories.
6. ***DVD Set of Lectures on Greek Grammar*** by Wallace: \$75 (\$99)
 24 video lessons on Greek grammar; companion to both of Wallace's Greek grammars. Lectures complete with slides and key examples.
7. ***The Case for the Real Jesus*** by Lee Strobel: \$12 (\$17)
 Interview with Dan Wallace in Challenge #2: "The Bible's Portrait of Jesus Can't Be Trusted Because the Church Tampered with the Text." The whole book is an update of Strobel's *The Case for Christ*; Chapter 2 interacts especially with Bart Ehrman's claims about the text.
8. ***New Testament Greek Syntax Laminated Sheet*** by Wallace: \$12 (\$15)
 Six-page layout with definitions for every major category of syntax in *Greek Grammar Beyond the Basics* (I use it myself to review!)
9. ***A Workbook for New Testament Syntax*** by Dan Wallace and Grant Edwards: \$18 (\$27)
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