

Is the Scripture, the word of God, inspired?

(Scripture is taken from the NASB)

This is what the Bible says about itself. While this does not *prove* the Bible is inspired, it demonstrates what the Bible says about its own inspiration.

Jesus said his words were absolutely important, every one of them. He considered them on the same level as the law of God, which he considered inviolable.

Matthew 24:35 *Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words shall not pass away.*

Matthew 5:18 *For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished.*

Jesus said that everything written/predicted about him in the Old Testament would be fulfilled exactly.

Luke 24:44 *Now He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."*

Jesus promised the apostles they would have perfect recall of all his teachings.

John 14:26 *But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.*

John 16:13 *But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.*

Jesus commissioned his apostles to be his official witnesses:

Acts 1:8 *...but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.*

The early church gave the apostles teaching (which reflected the teachings of Christ) the utmost priority in their gatherings.

Acts 2:42 *And they were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*

The apostles taught that all scriptures were inspired

2 Peter 1:20-21 *But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.*

2 Timothy 3:16 *All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness ...*

The apostles testified about the inspiration and importance of their writings (i.e. that their writings were on the same level as other scriptures).

Revelation 22:18 *I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God shall add to him the plagues which are written in this book*

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2 Peter 3:16 *as also in all [his] letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as [they do] also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.*