



BIG QUESTION

Did they get the details right?



Luke wrote “so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.” So check his work. A stone found in 1961 names “Pontius Pilatus... Prefect of Judea.” An inscription found at Abila points to a second, later Lysanias, just as Luke has it. In 2004, workers digging a sewer in Jerusalem found the steps of the Pool of Siloam from John's Gospel.

Were the words kept? No two hand copies match exactly. But with more than 5,800 Greek copies, a slip in one stands out against the rest.



Be the scholar

Three scribes copied Mark 16:6 by hand, and they made some slips. Where they disagree, go with the two that agree. Circle each slip, then write what Mark wrote.

Copy A

You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was was crucified. He has risen! He is not here.

Copy B

You are looking for Christ the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here.

Copy C

You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He is not here.

What Mark wrote: _____

How many slips did you find? _____

Memory verse

“But what about you?” he asked. ‘Who do you say I am?’ Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah.’”

Mark 8:29

Fill it in: “But what about you?” he _____ .

‘Who do you _____ I am?’ Peter answered,

‘You are the _____ .’” Mark 8:29

I can say it! ☆ ☆ ☆ Color a star each time you say it.

Talk about it

1. Which find would you show a friend who thinks the Gospels are made up?
2. Why does it matter that we have so many copies?
3. Luke's Gospel takes an evening to read. When could you read it?



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