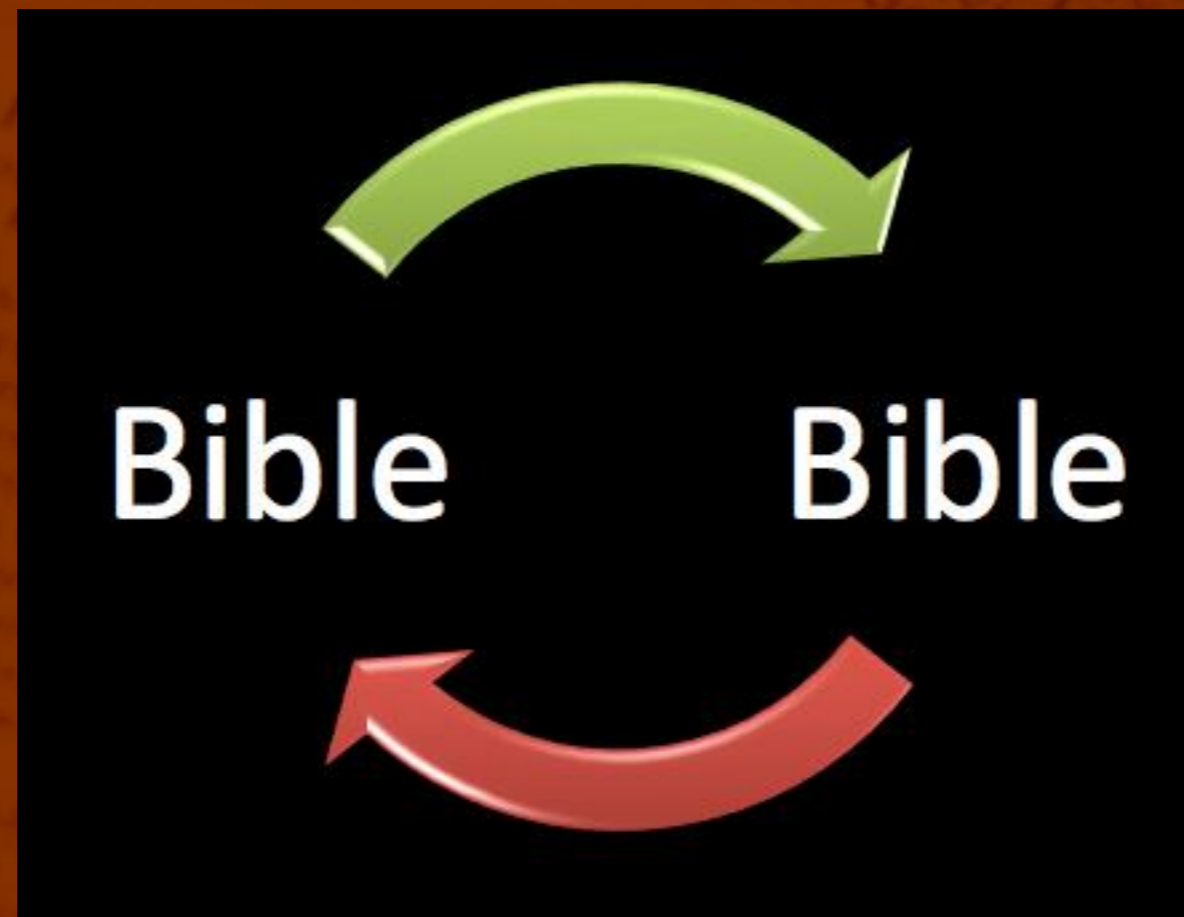


Using the Bible to Prove the Bible

The Charge: Using the Bible to prove the Bible is circular (a logical no-no)



Many books, not one

History and Inspiration

Outside sources: Unbelievers in a better position?

Potential Conflicts?

Gospel as its own apologetic

UNDESIGNED COINCIDENCES

IN THE WRITINGS BOTH OF

THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS,

AN ARGUMENT OF THEIR VERACITY;

WITH AN APPENDIX,

CONTAINING UNDESIGNED COINCIDENCES BETWEEN THE GOSPELS,
AND ACTS, AND JOSEPHUS.

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“Undesigned
Coincidences”

credit goes to
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“Sometimes two works by different authors interlock in such a way that would be very unlikely if one of them were copied from the other or both were copied from a common source. For example, one book may mention in passing a detail that answers some question raised by the other. The two records fit together like pieces of a jigsaw puzzle. Fictions and forgeries aren't like this.” (McGrew)

Matt 4:18-22

Why mending nets?
Why follow so quickly?

See Luke 5:6, 9

Matt 9:9-10 and “the house”

Whose house?

What is the occasion?

See Mark 2:15; Luke 5:29

Matt 26:67-68

Why "Prophecy"?

See Luke 22:64

Matt 8:14-16

Why evening?

See Mark 1:21, 29-32

Luke 9:36

Why were they silent?

See Mark 9:9

Mark 6:31, 39

Why the crowds?

See John 6:4

Matt 14:1-2

Why was Herod speaking about
this to servants?

How did Matthew know?

See Luke 8:3

Mark 14:58; 15:29

Why are they making this charge?

See John 2:18-19

John 21:25

Why is Jesus asking Peter?

See Matthew 26:33-34

Luke 23:2-4

Sequence:

1. Jews accuse Jesus.
2. Pilate questions Jesus.
3. Jesus admits to charge.
4. Pilate declares Jesus innocent.

Huh?

See John 18:33-38

John 18:10, 36

Doesn't Peter fight?
Why wasn't Peter arrested?

See Luke 22:51

Matt 11:21 — what miracles?

John 6:5 — why Philip?

Luke 9:10-11

John 12:21

Luke doesn't mention Philip

John doesn't mention Bethsaida

Why ask Philip? He was from Bethsaida

Cumulative Force

One? perhaps accidental

Many?

“it becomes ridiculous to insist that they are all just accidental”
(McGrew)