

## **The Forgotten Jesus Podcast**

### **S2E15**

**Title - How did we get the Bible we have today?**

**Description - What are the qualifications for a letter to make it into the Bible? Who even determined the qualifications? In today's episode we'll discuss how we got the Bible we have in our hands today.**

In the last episode, we left off with a cliffhanger: Does the Q / Quelle / "Source" document take away from the inspiration of the Holy Spirit?

We don't know if this document exists. We don't have any archeological evidence of it. It is just a theory, but it's a possibility.

So the question we're asking is: a question of Transmission. How did the Bible come to be?

How did 4 different guys (the gospel writers) writing at different times, in different places, about different seasons of Jesus's life, all align and match up?

We'd say it's God's inspired work. But it's not like these men got a golden tablet brought down from heaven like Joseph Smith, who doesn't even have the golden tablets that he claimed to have.

So really the question is this: How do we know that the 66 books of the bible are divinely inspired and are the only books that we should have? 27 in the NT, 39 in the OT to give us these 66 books.

Jesus died in approx 30AD, and the earliest gospels were written in 50's - 60's AD. So within 20-30 years of his death we have authors starting to write down the accounts of Jesus.

So the councils had to determine if a letter or book was genuine to scripture, they laid out several qualifications to be scripture and accepted broadly:

1. It had to be a work from Antiquity
  - a. Written in the 1st century (0 - 100 AD)
  - b. Anything written after this was tossed
  - c. EX: Gospel of Mary, Gospel of Judas, Gospel of Peter
2. It had to be from an Apostle, or have an apostolic backing.
  - a. To be an apostle of Jesus you had to have seen Jesus face to face
3. It has to be consistent with the whole counsel of scripture
  - a. What is said has to line up with the rest of scripture.
  - b. EX: The gospel of Thomas has a line where Peter asks "can women enter the kingdom of heaven."

So what about the OT Apocrypha?

Up until the 1930's the Apocrypha was included in every bible. It wasn't counted as scripture, but just for historical references.

When you look at the Hebrew Bible, the Old Testament, we have the exact same accepted 39 books in our bible. Jesus had access to all these Jewish apocrypha books, but he never quotes or references them.

The bible you have in your hand is completely accurate to the scriptures found 2000 years ago.

Announcement for season 3: We'll finally be in Matthew (Maybe) and will have Video (for sure).