

# THE FORGOTTEN JESUS PODCAST

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### Season 5, Episode 7

## BONUS: Translations of the Bible

### Discussion

1. How does the diversity of the Bible's authors and languages influence our trust in its authority?
2. What criteria were used to compile the New Testament, and why were they significant?
3. Why was the Gospel of Thomas excluded from the biblical canon, and what does this teach us about continuity in Scripture?
4. Discuss the role of the Holy Spirit in helping believers understand the Bible. How does this differ from purely academic study?
5. What is the significance of ancient manuscripts (e.g., Dead Sea Scrolls) in validating the accuracy of modern translations?
6. How do we balance reading different Bible translations with seeking accurate understanding of the original texts?
7. Why are certain verses (e.g., Mark 16:9–20) included with explanatory notes in some Bible versions? How should we view these passages?
8. What are the strengths and weaknesses of word-for-word translations versus paraphrased versions of the Bible?
9. How has the inclusion or exclusion of apocryphal books shaped Protestant and Catholic understandings of Scripture?
10. What are some ways to discern the reliability of a Bible translation?

## Application Questions

1. Which Bible translation(s) do you currently use, and how do they help or challenge your understanding of Scripture?
2. How can studying the context of a passage enhance your application of it in daily life?
3. When faced with difficult or unclear passages, what steps can you take to interpret them faithfully?
4. Consider the balance between academic study and spiritual devotion when reading Scripture. How can you grow in both areas?
5. What practices can you adopt to ensure you regularly engage with Scripture in its intended context?
6. How can understanding the history and formation of the Bible strengthen your faith?
7. In what ways can you use Bible study tools (e.g., Blue Letter Bible) to deepen your understanding of God's Word?
8. Identify a Bible verse or passage that has impacted you significantly. How did its translation affect your understanding?
9. How can you help others in your community choose and study from trustworthy Bible translations?
10. What action steps can you take this week to incorporate deeper study or use of a different Bible translation?

## Prayer Prompt

Spend time thanking God for the preservation of His Word and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in understanding Scripture. Pray for discernment when reading different translations and for a deepening relationship with God through studying His Word.

## Additional Resources

- **Online Tools:**
  - [Blue Letter Bible](#)
  - [Precept Austin](#)
- **Books:**
  - *The Forgotten Jesus* by Robby Gallaty
  - *Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus* by Lois Tverberg
- **Podcasts:**
  - *The BEMA Discipleship Podcast*
  - *Making Disciples with Robby Gallaty Podcast*
- **Sermons:**
  - Robby Gallaty's message on the Dead Sea Scrolls ([YouTube link](#))

- **Bible Study Tools:**
  - Christian Standard Bible (CSB)