

## CSI, the Bible and You!!

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Which is your group's favorite detective show on TV? (CSI, NCIS, etc.)

Why?

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-*Great Expectations* Charles Dickens

-*Odyssey* or *Illiad* Homer

-*Hamlet* Shakespeare

-*DaVinci Code* Brown

In your group define the following words:

Manuscript-

Archeology-

Tonight we are going to look at **evidence** outside the Bible that **proves** the Bible is reliable and true.

Why is this **important**? **It allows us to know what we have in the Bible is reliable and the claims in the Bible must be dealt with on a personal basis.** Archaeology and manuscript evidence cannot disprove the Bible but if we do not see it as God's Word all the evidence does not matter, in the end it is just another book to read. This becomes the basis for all discussion on spirituality and the Bible.

### Manuscript Evidence

*Illiad*=**643 documents**

-Not sure how close they are.

Plato (Greek Philosopher)=**7 documents**

-Date back to **1300 years** of originals

Cesar's *Gallic Wars*=**10 documents**

-Date back to **1000 years** of originals

Old Testament=**Tens of thousands of documents**

-Date back to within **1000 years** from originals thought to be written.

New Testament=**5366 documents**

-Date back to **50 years and at most 225 years** of original documents.

### Archaeology

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