



Q & A



Trustworthy

Thirteen Arguments for the Reliability of the New Testament

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A Clear Introduction to the Reliability of the New Testament

What led to your interest in and now sharing about New Testament reliability?

Benjamin C. F. Shaw: Too often the arguments related to New Testament reliability are only discussed in academic or pastoral settings. Everyday believers are interested in these discussions as well, but often do not understand what the specialists are talking about nor do the specialists always have an effective way of communicating or systematizing these arguments. This book is designed to present a robust case for the reliability of the New Testament in a way that is very accessible to the new Christian or those seeking to understand the New Testament better and why it is trustworthy. This is also important given the fact that most professionals will encounter nonbelievers more so than pastors or academics, so they need to have an introduction to these issues and arguments while also having the resources to dig deeper.

The ultimate goal is to provide a book that informs everyday believers and provides a practical work that can help encourage them in their understanding of the New Testament and their walk as disciples.

What is your main thesis in *Trustworthy*?

Shaw: The New Testament is trustworthy. It's incredible brevity and systematic presentation of a robust number of arguments that all increase the case for the reliability of the New Testament make it quite a distinctive work among others in the literature.

What do you hope your book contributes to the study of New Testament reliability?

Shaw:

1. It systematically presents numerous arguments that are often discussed in isolation. Thus, it provides a presentation that integrates these arguments in a logical manner.
2. It does not just focus on the head or intellectual matters, but has a chapter dedicated to the transformative power of the New Testament which is also consistent with the New Testament being trustworthy.
3. It does much of this from what I believe to be rather widely agreed-upon pieces of data.



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