**Always Ready: Week Three**

*Reliability of Scripture*

1 Peter 3:15

**15**but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.

**Defining Terms:**

Apologetics- *The discipline that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Christians how to give a reason for their hope.*

*Two methods-*

1. Defense =
2. Offense =

BUT…. Do this with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Three arguments against the reliability of scripture:**

1. The Bible is not true because it claims impossible stories that can’t be proven.
2. The Bible Cannot be true because it is filled with errors or contradictions.
3. The Bible can’t be true because it was written by humans and human’s make mistakes, have limited memory, and can lie to make their stories seem more reliable.

**Defending Scripture’s Reliability**

* 1 Corinthians 15:6
* Galatians written in 51 AD (or 54 AD) well within the lifespan of the Apostles and eyewitnesses.
* Qumran (Dead Sea scrolls)
* St. John Fragment from 125 AD!

*Compare to other ancient documents from antiquity:*

* Homer’s Iliad
* Alexander the great biography written in \_\_\_\_\_\_
* Annals of Rome by Roman historian and member of senate Tacitus

Other Notes-

Jesus doesn’t seem to have an issue with Jonah- Matthew 12:39-40

What is the simple explanation for the differing resurrection accounts?

What is a simple explanation for the differing accounts of the Roman Centurion?

The claims of scripture can be, and have been tested…

31So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

-John 8:31-32

In what ways have you been set free by knowing and having faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus?