

Ex-Shroud of Turin Skeptic Reveals Why He Now Believes It's Real

Dr. Jeremiah J. Johnston was once a skeptic of the famed Shroud of Turin, the burial cloth believed by many to bear a fascinating image created during Christ's resurrection.

Johnston, author of "Peace of God Bible: Discover and Experience God's Shalom Throughout the Bible," told CBN News he is fully confident about the New Testament's authenticity.

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"The authenticity of the New Testament is without question," he said. "The Bible is a historical book and ... these are books about real people, real places, real events. Our scriptures are not fairy tales. They're not legends. They're not lore. And they are so well-evidenced."

Among the elements that convince Johnston of the Bible's real and authentic take are the findings coming from archaeologists who routinely explore information and relics dating back centuries.

"Archaeologists use six books to make sure that they're digging in the right spot in Israel," he said. "They always use these six books – Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, the Book of Acts and then they use Josephus."

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Johnston continued, "So if the archeologists who dig, and many of them are not Christians, use the New Testament because ... it's very similar with what we expect the First Century world to be like, you better believe I'm going to use the Bible too."

The Bible expert said there are dozens of evidence-based facts that point to the life, death, miracles and resurrection of Jesus based on archaeological sources.

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"Christianity ... is the only religion that you can test against history, and it passes the test at every turn," Johnston said. "And this is where things like the physical bodily resurrection of Jesus [are] so well evidenced, and what's amazing is, I believe, as we get closer to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, we are seeing a controlled revelation of discoveries tied to technology."

Johnston specifically addressed the Shroud of Turin, which gives him peace about the reliability of Scripture.

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