



QA: How Much Confidence Can I Have In the Bible? by [John T Polk II](#)

*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

QUESTION: How much confidence should I have in the Bible message?

ANSWER: Beginning with Jesus' Resurrection, what does it say?

1. Apostles Of Jesus

- a. The Twelve Apostles were personally chosen by Jesus (**Matthew 10:1-4**).
- b. Only Judas Iscariot was replaced when he committed suicide (**Acts 1:15-26**). Herod killed James, but he was not replaced (**Acts 12:1-2**).
- c. The Apostles were eye witnesses of the resurrected Jesus.
- d. These were "infallible proofs," or evidence with certainty. "Infallible" only referred to Gospel evidence, never to an Apostle! Faith is without doubt!

2. Commandments Of Jesus After His resurrection, but before His ascension into Heaven,

[Jesus] through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. (**Acts 1:2-3**)

What "commandments?"

- a. "And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." This is the first commandment" (**Mark 12:30**);
 - b. "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another" (**John 13:34**).
 - c. "He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (**Mark 16:15-16**). Which of these can anyone say is "nonessential?"
- #### **3. Kingdom Of God** Jesus physical resurrection has "infallible proofs." He also spoke "of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God" (**Acts 1:2-3**). What did Jesus say about "the kingdom of God?"
- a. He said, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (**Matthew 4:17**). "At hand," meant "close, near by."
 - b. He said, "there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom" (**Matthew 16:28**). Either He lied, or else the kingdom came while people who heard Him were alive!

c. He said, "I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes" (**Luke 22:18**).

Either the kingdom came in the 1st Century, or there is no Lord's Supper. Kingdom people observe it every 1st day of the week in the church of Christ (**Acts 20:7**)! The kingdom has come!

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