

### Sermon Notes

#### **Fall Apologetics Series - Answering Bart Ehrman Week 3 - “No, the Bible Isn’t Corrupt - Part 2”**

Week 1: **Jesus** being a historical person, is central to the message of salvation.

Week 2: The copies of the **NT** manuscripts are closer to their original writings than the majority of ancient documents, and there are more of them.

#### **Week 3 - Internal Evidence of the Bible**

**Ehrman’s Problem:** Too many errors, discrepancies, and contradictions.

#### Textual Errors in the Manuscripts:

In the **1960s**, Neil R. **Lightfoot** estimated the textual errors at around 200,000; today the estimate is 450,000.

Wallace argues that there are 6,577 root errors; making an average of .02 errors per manuscript.

**Ehrman concedes** that only about 1% of all errors are significant.

### Discrepancies and Contradictions:

Examples in Jesus’ **Birth** Narrative -

#### Matthew

**Joseph’s** Genealogy;

Announcement to **Joseph**;

**Wise Men** Arrive 2yrs;

**Escape** to Egypt;

#### Luke

**Mary’s** Genealogy

Announcements to **Mary**

**Shepherds** same night

Jesus’ is dedicated

**Both** end up in Nazareth

Examples in the **Passion** Narrative -

- Jesus speaks 2x in **Mark** and 5x in **Luke**.

- Mark 15:34 is a quote from **Psalm 22:1**.

- Mark reveals the tearing of the curtain

happened in the same time frame.

The writers of Scripture don’t contradict each other but paint a fuller picture

This is called harmonization, something Ehrman does, but doesn’t want others to do, but is what the **Bible** points us towards.

So what is **Inerrancy**?

Inerrancy means that the **Scriptures** are trustworthy and authoritative.

**Infallibility** means that God’s word will not fail his ultimate purpose to reveal the way to salvation.

#### **Challenge:**

Read through Psalm 22 this week and see how infallible God’s word is.