



“Jesus Loves Me...”

John 7:53-8:11

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A CRITICAL QUESTION

How do we know who Jesus is?

The _____ tells us.

BUT is it reliable?

WHAT “THE EARLIEST MANUSCRIPTS” MEANS

From oral to written records...

Copies = _____

2 important things about manuscripts:

1. The _____ the better.

2. The _____ you have the better.

Are there differences in the manuscripts?

*Yes, BUT the vast majority of them are misspellings
and word order –what we would
call _____.*

COMPARISONS

Years Manuscripts Are Found

(Originals)	125-300	300-500	500-700	... 900-1000
NT (50-90)				
Josephus (93)				
Tacitus (69)				
Suetonius (121)				

The Number of Manuscripts

NT	_____
Josephus	_____
Tacitus	_____
Suetonius	_____

THE SIGNIFICANCE FOR US

1. The New Testament Bible can be confidently relied upon as being accurate to the original eyewitness accounts and authors.
2. This means we can say with ABSOLUTE CONFIDENCE:
“Jesus loves me, this I know,
for _____.”