



“Jesus Loves Me...”
Small Group Questions
Week of February 3, 2019

Icebreaker:

Thinking of your attention to small details and your handwriting, would you say you would have made a good scribe?

Discussion Questions:

1. Does your Bible say anything about the presence or the absence of John 7:53-8:11?
2. Was there a time (maybe now?) when you questioned the reliability of the New Testament?
Did Sunday’s message increase your trust at all?
3. Is there any one thing in particular that stood out to you in the message?
4. How does what we looked at speak against the idea that the disciples and their followers over time “evolved a legend/myth” about who Jesus was?
5. None of the original documents have survived, yet thousands of manuscripts/copies from early on have. Why do you think God has preserved the copies in overwhelming numbers but did not save or preserve any of the originals?
(Any answer is of course pure speculation, God has not given us a reason.)
6. If you have your Bible (or can get one) flip through the Gospel of John and look at the notes at the bottom of the pages for comments about manuscript differences (look for words like “*some manuscripts,*” “*Or...*,” “*The Greek...*”).
What do you observe about the differences?
Do they significantly alter the events, the teaching, or the text in its meaning?
7. So...how would you answer someone who said “You can’t trust the Bible, it has been changed and altered by the church to make it say what they want to about Jesus.”