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THE SHEPHERD

John 7:53–8:11 | Uninspired: Why Part of Your Bible Doesn't Belong

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Discussion Questions

Community Groups meet throughout the week and play a crucial role in our response to the preaching of the word. These groups gather to discuss the following questions as we seek to apply the sermon in community with one another. Please visit compassntx.org to join a small group near you.

1. Read **Psalm 33:4**. How does the preservation and support of the Biblical manuscripts, as shared in the sermon, enhance your trust in the reliability and integrity of Scripture?
2. Read **John 21:24-25** and **1 John 1:1-3**. Why is it so significant that the NT authors claimed to be eyewitnesses of the truths they recorded? How does that give us greater confidence in our Bibles?
3. Read **John 7:53-8:11**. PPJ mentioned that it is possible, if not likely, that this is an event that actually happened. In light of that, should we use it for counseling, evangelism, or discipleship? Why or why not? Why might it be better to teach these same concepts from other passages when this text in John 8 is so moving and clear?
4. Someone comes to you after this sermon struggling with this concept and wondering how we can be sure that the rest of the Bible is trustworthy. They've heard their Catholic friends talking about the Apocryphal books and wonder why those aren't considered authoritative. If John 7:53-8:11 isn't supposed to be there, how can we know that anything is supposed to be there? Using the points made in the sermon about manuscript evidence along with this article (<https://crossexamined.org/how-we-got-our-bible-new-testament-canonical-reception/>), how would you encourage them in the midst of their doubt?

Recommended Resources

Below are some resources to assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon.

- From God to Us: How We Got Our Bible - Norm Geisler
- Evidence that Demands a Verdict - Josh and Sean McDowell
- Can We Trust the Gospels? - Peter J Williams
- I Don't Have Enough Faith to be an Atheist - Frank Turek
- The Center for the Study of New Testament Manuscripts (<https://www.csntm.org/>)
- Christian Apologetics and Research Ministry (<https://carm.org/>)