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Word–Shaped:
Is it worth it?



Introduction

“This is what the LORD, the God of Israel says...” (Josh 24v2. Cf. Ex 4v22; 1 Sam 10v18; Isa 10v24)

2 Timothy 3v16

2 Peter 3v15-16

1 Timothy 5v18

Sufficiency: God’s Word is Enough

Hebrews 1v1-4

What are the contrasts in vv1-2?

What does the writer say about Jesus in v2-4?

What might this teach us about God’s word?

John 14v26; John 16v12-15; 1 Timothy 3v14-17

Authority: God’s Word is Final

Acts 17v1-15

What are the similarities in what happens in Thessalonica and Berea?

What are the differences in the responses?



Necessity: God's Word is Needed

1 Corinthians 2v6-13

John 6v68; Romans 10v14-17; 2 Timothy 3v15; Matthew 4v4

Reliability: God's Word is Trustworthy

Luke 1v1-4

John 20v30-31

How can we trust what we read?

How can we trust what we have?

Book	Author	Oldest Manuscript	No. Manuscripts
Tetralogies	Plato	1220yrs after his death	7
All his books	Aristotle	1100yrs after his death	49
Illiad	Homer	500yrs after his death	643
New Testament	Various	100yrs after Jesus' death	(+ letters quoting it)

Book	Lines of Difference	% Difference
Honer's Illiad	764 of 15,600	5%
Mahabharata	26,000 of 250,000	10%
New Testament		

Living this out...

→ What difference would it make if any one of these are not true?

→ What difference can it make to you knowing they are true?

