Series: Understanding the Bible - CRACKED Sermon: Early Meaning and Manuscripts

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**Early Meaning and Manuscripts**: We have to get back to the earliest meanings and manuscripts (as close as we can to the ) if we want to really understand what was said. **EARLY MANUSCRIPTS** The Bible has been copied over thousands of years. Each \_\_\_\_\_ copy was a different manuscript. God \_\_\_\_\_\_ promise that the copies of the Bible would be perfect, so there may be errors in the copies. We need to figure out what was \_\_\_\_\_ written. The New Testament has \_\_\_\_\_\_ than any other ancient book by thousands! The \_\_\_\_\_ proved that our Old Testament is identical to what was written 2,000 years ago. **EARLY MEANING** Example of knowing the early meaning: So, what is "a church"? Primarily, it is a local gathering of Christians committed to each other and meeting together to do important \_\_\_\_\_\_! It looks like God condones slavery in the Bible. What's \_\_\_\_\_? 1. An enslaved person generally could not be \_\_\_\_\_\_ by appearance or clothing; \_\_\_\_\_ or ethnic origins were not reliable indicators of social or legal status. 5. By no means were the enslaved regularly to be found at \_\_\_\_\_\_ of the socioeconomic pyramid. Rather those free and impoverished persons who had to seek work each day without any certainty of employment occupied the lowest level. Some of them sold themselves into slavery in order to obtain job security, food, clothing and shelter. 7. Because slaves were owned by persons across the range of economic levels, they developed no consciousness of being a social class or \_\_\_\_\_\_ a common plight. Thus no laws were needed to hinder public assembly of slaves. PRACTICAL: To know information about the early meaning I should get the app from logos.com or at the \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ a study Bible like "The Quest Study Bible." There are some \_\_\_\_\_\_ with correct information about Biblical interpretation. Such as TruthRevolution.tv, ColdCaseChristianity.com, Equip.org, Reasons.org, str.org, and most of gotquestions.org. I should research the early meaning of words in Scripture, but also not \_\_\_\_\_\_ in finding hidden meanings, especially when the meaning is plain.