

Series: Understanding the Bible - CRACKED

Sermon: Credibility

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How do we resolve _____ contradictions? How do I understand difficult, weird, _____ parts of the Bible without writing it off?

Credibility - Any document should be given some _____, and not judged harshly before it is interpreted correctly. We Americans may call it the "innocent until proven guilty" technique. We must dig deep to understand.

It is _____ - I have to figure out what a writer's or speaker's purpose is!

**TO GET TO _____ WATERS
YOU GOTTA _____ DEEP**

Credibility means I say, "Man, this looks like it doesn't make sense, but _____, these writers weren't _____. So, let me get in the deep waters."

Lee Strobel is a good example of someone who thought the Bible might have credibility and investigated to see for himself, _____. He was utterly convinced after diving deep. *Learn his story at <https://stream.org/easter-killed-atheism/> and read his book "Case for Christ."*

What can the "super boring" genealogies show us if we dive deep into that water:

PRACTICAL:

- If I want to get into deep waters I have to have the _____.
Some good beginner equipment is the Quest Study Bible. I can find more at <http://truthrevolution.tv/know-the-bible/>
- If I want to go deeper I should buy a _____.
Maybe "The Tony Evans Bible Commentary" or get the Logos.com software.
- I should Ask More _____.
- I should be _____ of YouTube preachers and bloggers. Especially if they aren't _____ by a denomination. I should know their background.