Has the Bible Been Corrupted?

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Many Muslims are taught that the Torah (Tawrat) and Gospel (Injil) were once God's word but were later changed by Jews and Christians. This claim is important, because if the Bible is reliable, its message about Jesus must be taken seriously. Surprisingly, the Quran itself points the other way.

1. The Quran honors the Torah and Gospel

> **Quran 5:46** "And We sent, following in their footsteps, Jesus, the son of Mary, confirming that which came before him in the Torah; and We gave him the Gospel, in which was guidance and light"

> **Quran 5:47** "And let the People of the Gospel judge by what Allāh has revealed therein."

Christians in the seventh century were told to judge by the Gospel they had. That command would be meaningless if their Gospel had already been corrupted.

> **Quran 10:94** "So if you are in doubt, [O Muḥammad], about that which We have revealed to you, then ask those who have been reading the Scripture before you."

Muhammad was told to consult those reading the earlier Scripture. Again, this assumes the Scripture in their hands was trustworthy.

2. The Quran says God's words cannot be changed

> **Quran 6:115** "And the word of your Lord has been fulfilled in truth and in justice. None can alter His words, and He is the Hearing, the Knowing."

See also Quran 6:34, 10:64, and 18:27. If the Torah and Gospel are God's words, and no one can alter God's words, then claiming they were altered contradicts the Quran. The Bible agrees: "The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever" (Isaiah 40:8). Jesus said, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away" (Matthew 24:35).

3. The manuscripts predate Muhammad

Muhammad lived from about AD 570 to 632. We possess complete and partial copies of the Bible made long before he was born:

• **The Dead Sea Scrolls**, discovered from 1947 onward, contain portions of every book of the Old Testament except Esther, copied between about the third century BC and the first century AD. The Great Isaiah Scroll is nearly identical to the Isaiah we read today.
• **Codex Vaticanus** and **Codex Sinaiticus** are Greek Bibles copied in the fourth century AD, about two centuries before Muhammad. Sinaiticus contains the complete New Testament.
• Over 5,000 Greek New Testament manuscripts survive, plus early translations and thousands of quotations by early church writers.

When we compare these ancient copies with modern Bibles, the message is the same: Jesus is the Son of God, He died on the cross for sins, and He rose from the dead.

4. The “when was it changed” dilemma

Ask a simple question: when was the Bible corrupted?

Before Muhammad? Then why does the Quran tell Christians to judge by the Gospel and tell Muhammad to consult the Scripture readers? Why does it say the Gospel contains “guidance and light”?

After Muhammad? Then the manuscripts copied centuries before him should reveal the “original” message. But they teach exactly what Christians believe today. Besides, by the seventh century the Bible had spread across three continents in many languages. No one could have gathered every copy and changed them all the same way.

> **An honest invitation:** The Quran says, “O People of the Scripture, you are [standing] on nothing until you uphold [the law of] the Torah, the Gospel” (Quran 5:68). We invite you to do what it says: read the Gospel for yourself.

An invitation

We share this because we care about you. The Injil you are told to honor announces good news: God Himself has made a way for sinners to be forgiven. “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16). Read the Gospel of John for yourself, and ask the God of Abraham to show you the truth about Jesus.