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**GOD AND HIS WORD**

1.) Why didn't God miraculously protect the Bible?

2.) The example of King Josiah in 2 Kings 23.

3.) The promise of Jesus.

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**HOW BIG IS THE PROBLEM?**

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**WHAT CAN GO WRONG IN COPYING?**

- 1.) Reading
  - a.) 2 Thessalonians 2:13
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b.) Mark 9:44
  
- 2.) Remembering
  - a.) John 9:35
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3.) Speaking
  - a.) 2 Thessalonians 2:13 (again)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 4.) Writing (action of the hand)

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**WHY THE NEW TESTAMENT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN  
SYSTEMATICALLY CHANGED**

- 1.) Widespread copying
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2.) Old manuscripts
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3.) Large quantity
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 4.) Traceable history
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 5.) Quality
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 6.) Complete
  - a.) Mark 16

