

## **Undeniable Proof the ESV, NIV, NASB, NET etc. are the new "Catholic" bibles**

**“Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins” Revelation 18:4**

Bible critics (none of whom believes that any Bible in any language IS the complete, inspired and 100% historically true words of God) often attack King James Bible believers for using a Bible with "Roman Catholic" roots. For example Doug Kutilek's "Is the King James Version a Roman Catholic Bible?" Recently I was at a Christian Forum on Facebook and I got more than a couple of remarks like: "Well, we can thank the Catholic church for the King James Bible" or "you wouldn't have the KJV without the RCC. They sponsored Erasmus (RC scholar) who rushed the manuscripts which are the basis for the the KJV."

Their argument goes something like this: the Textus Receptus Greek text was edited by Erasmus, the King James New Testament was based upon the Textus Receptus. Erasmus was a loyal Roman Catholic so the King James Bible has strong Catholic roots.

As usual, the KJB critics' argument is misinformed, deeply biased and misapplied. Learn more about the man Erasmus and his theology here:

<http://www.wayoflife.org/database/erasmus.html>

The most important point to note is that what is called the Textus Receptus was NOT the basis for the Catholic Bibles, but rather for the Reformation Bibles like Luther's German Bible, the French Olivetan, the Italian Diodati, the Spanish Reina Valera, the English Geneva Bible and of course the King James Holy Bible.

The King James Bible translators themselves did not even primarily use the Greek text of Erasmus for their magnificent translation, but rather the Greek texts of Stephanus and Theodore Beza, though all three are in basic agreement.

So, what exactly is the primary basis for such modern bibles as the NASB, NIV, RSV, ESV and Daniel Wallace's NET versions etc? It's is the United Bible Society's ever changing and evolving "nothing is settled or sure" Greek text based primarily on the VATICANUS manuscript found in the Vatican library, and put out by a joint effort of Evangelicals and the Catholic Church! Hello?... Is any body home? I like to call this ever changing Greek text used by many of today's "No Bible is inerrant" crowd the Textus Corruptus.

Do these modern day "Evangelical/Catholic" bibles like the ESV, NIV, NASB, NET always follow these so called "oldest and best manuscripts" like Vaticanus? Of course not. Vaticanus and Sinaiticus both entirely omit 12 whole verses from Mark 16:9-20 and another 12 entire verses from John 7:53 to John 8:11. Yet they hypocritically cease to use "the oldest and best" in these 24 entire verses and put them in their "bibles" because all these verses ARE found in the Majority of all Greek texts, the Latin Vulgate and the Catholic bible versions like the Douay-Rheims, the 1950 Douay and the New Jerusalem bible of 1985 - and not even in [brackets]! If you want to see what these so called "oldest and best manuscripts" of Vaticanus and Sinaiticus are REALLY like, take a look at this revealing study here:

<http://brandplucked.webs.com/oldestandbestmss.htm>

The basis for the modern day Catholic bibles and the textually identical "Catholic" bible versions like the ESV, NIV, NASBs etc. is not even the Latin Vulgate New Testament. Of the 17 entire verses omitted by today's Catholic versions, 9 of the 17 entire verses were found in the Latin Vulgate! You can see one of the Vulgate bible versions (there are several of them) here and check it out for yourself.

<http://www.drbo.org/lvb/>

This particular Latin Vulgate contains Matthew 12:47, Matthew 17:21 (in verse 20 - their numbering system is a bit different than ours), Matthew 18:11; Mark 7:16; Mark 9:44 and 46 (located in Mark 9:45, 47); Mark 11:26; Mark 15:28 and Luke 23:17 are all found in the Latin Vulgate! Even the older Catholic bible versions like the Douay-Rheims and the Douay of 1950 contained most of the verses that are now omitted by today's "United" Bible Societies ever changing versions.

You can see the Douay-Rheims Catholic bible here. Compare the verses and see how many of them were IN the previous Catholic bible versions! To me, this is absolutely mind blowing how today's new United Bible Society is churning out this new unified bible that differs so much from even the previous Catholic Bibles all in the name of "Christian unity". Here is the previous Catholic Douay-Rheims bible.

<http://www.drbo.org/>

You can look up the verses and see for yourself in black and white that it contains in its New Testament text the following verses that are entirely omitted by the UBS Evangelical/Catholic Combine that is churning out the now popular ESV, NIV and NASB "bibles". The Douay-Rheims bible contained Matthew 12:47; 17:21 (v.20); 18:11; all of 23:14!, Mark 7:16; 9:44 and 9:46 (v.45,47); Mark 11:26; 15:28; Luke 23:17, John 5:4!, Acts 8:37!!; Acts 24:6b through 8a; Acts 28:29; Romans 16:24 and even 1 John 5:7 "And there are three who give testimony in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost. And these three are one."!!! Absolutely Amazing, isn't it? So, who is coming up with this new Evangelical/Catholic Connection bible and why?

The hundreds of textual differences between the Traditional Text Reformation bibles and the modern UBS Catholic/Evangelical bible versions is that there is a concerted effort between the Catholics and modern apostate Christianity to create "a new bible" that will be accepted by both camps. It doesn't matter to them whether it is the complete, inspired and inerrant Bible or not. Neither the Evangelicals nor the Catholics believe such a thing exists! Their continuing mantra is that "ONLY the originals WERE inspired" and nobody knows for sure what the originals said and so we no longer have an inerrant bible anyway. Apparently what is important to them is that the both their "bibles" agree, even though not one of them believes it IS the inerrant words of God nor our final authority. If the Bible is not the inerrant words of God, then the Bible is not our final authority and we will then need to look elsewhere. And where might that final authority be found? the "scholars"? (Evangelicals' modern day priestcraft) "the Pope"? or the next world religious leader (the Anti-Christ)? But you can bet it sure won't be their "bible".

Guess why **the UBS (United Bible Society) Greek texts** are the basis for all these new versions? It's because Catholics and Evangelicals were united to produce this text. **One of the 5 chief editors was the New Age Catholic Cardinal Carlos Martini**, who believed god was

in all men and in all religions. **Just open your copy of the UBS New Testament Greek and turn to the first page. There you will see a list of the 5 chief editors who put this abomination together. The 4th name on the list right before inerrancy denying Bruce Metzger is Carlo M. Martini.** In his book "In the Thick of His Ministry" (The Liturgical Press 1990) the good Cardinal writes: "The deification which is the aim of all religious life takes place. During a recent trip to India I was struck by the yearning for the divine that pervades the whole of Hindu culture. It gives rise to extraordinary religious forms and extremely meaningful prayers. I wondered: What is authentic in this longing to fuse with the divine dominating the spirituality of hundreds of millions of human beings, so that they bear hardship, privation, exhausting pilgrimages, in search of this ecstasy?" (In The Thick Of His Ministry, Carlo M. Martini, page 42.) **Cardinal Martini served on the editorial committee for the United Bible Societies' 2nd, 3rd and 4th editions. These are the "bibles" most modern Christians are using today when they pick up the ESV, NIV, NASB or modern Catholic "bibles".**

King James Bible defender David Cloud writes: "It is also important to note that there is no comparison between the situation with Erasmus and what we find in the field of modern textual criticism and the modern Bible versions today. Erasmus edited the Greek New Testament on his own. He was not doing that work in any official capacity in the Catholic Church nor did he have Rome's backing but rather was criticized for it and his work was condemned in the strongest terms. On the other hand, the Roman Catholic Church has accepted modern textual criticism and the modern Bible versions with open arms. **In 1965, Pope Paul VI authorized the publication of a new Latin Vulgate, with the Latin text conformed to the United Bible Societies Greek New Testament (Michael de Semlyen, All Roads Lead to Rome, p. 201). In 1987 a formal agreement was made between the Roman Catholic Church and the United Bible Societies that the critical Greek New Testament will be used for all future translations, both Catholic and Protestant** (Guidelines for International Cooperation in Translating the Bible, Rome, 1987, p. 5). **Most of the translations produced by the United Bible Societies are "interconfessional," meaning they have Roman Catholic participation and backing.**"

It is interesting to note that the latest United Bible Societies Text, descended from the Westcott and Hort family, boasts, **"the new text is a reality, and as the text distributed by the United Bible Societies and by the corresponding office of the Roman Catholic Church it has rapidly become the commonly accepted text for research and study in universities and church."** - Kurt Aland and Barbara Aland, *The Text of the New Testament* (Grand Rapids: Wm B Eerdmans, 1995), 35.

**The United Bible Societies Vice-President is Roman Catholic Cardinal Onitsha of Nigeria. On the executive committee is Roman Catholic Bishop Alilona of Italy and among the editors is Roman Catholic Cardinal Martini of Milan. Patrick Henry happily claims, "Catholics should work together with Protestants in the fundamental task of Biblical translation ... [They can] work very well together and have the same approach and interpretation ... This signals a new age in the church."** - Patrick Henry, *New Directions in New Testament Study* (Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1979), 232-234.

The St. Joseph New American Bible 1970 says in its Preface: "The translators have carried out the directive of our predecessor, Pius XII, in his famous Encyclical *Divino Afflante Spiritu*, and the decree of the Second Vatican Council (*Dei Verbum*) which prescribed

that..."with the approval of Church authority, these translations may be produced in cooperation with our separated brethren so that all Christians may be able to use them." From the Vatican, September 18, 1970

Here in my study I have a copy of the 1970 St. Joseph New American Bible translated by Members of the Catholic Biblical Association of America. This Catholic bible version says on page 44 of the Introduction : **"In general, Nestle's-Aland's Novum Testamentum Graece (25th edition, 1963) was followed. Additional help was derived from The Greek New Testament (editors Aland, Black, Metzger, Wikgren) produced for the use of translators by the United Bible Societies in 1966."** - The St. Joseph New American Bible, Catholic Book Publishing Co. New York.

Guess which bible versions match the Catholic bibles today. Check out any modern Catholic bible version today like the St. Joseph New American Bible 1970 or the New Jerusalem bible 1985 and compare the following New Testament verses: Matthew 6:13 "For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen" (gone), all of verses Matthew 17:21 (gone), Matthew 18:11 (gone), Matthew 23:14 (gone), Mark 9:44, 46 (gone); Mark 11:26 (gone), Mark 15:28 (gone), Most of Luke 9:55-56 (gone) Luke 17:36 (gone), Luke 23:17 (gone) John 5:4 (gone), Acts 8:37 (gone), Acts 15:34 (gone), Acts 24:6b - 8a (gone), Acts 28:29 (gone), Romans 16:24 (gone) and 1 John 5:7-8 missing are the words "in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth". Then check your modern versions like the NIV, ESV, RSV, NET, NASB and the Jehovah Witness version called "The New World Translation". Surprise! What's missing? Why... **it's the same verses!**

You can buy the NIV at your local Catholic book stores, -

<http://catholicbibles.blogspot.com/2009/05/catholic-edition-of-niv.html>

and the ESV is now out with the Apocryphal books included and you can pick up a copy at the Catholic book stores, but you won't find the King James Bible there. Here is the Catholic site -

<http://catholicbibles.blogspot.com/2009/01/esv-w-apocrypha-deuterocanonicals-is.html>

Luke 9:54-56 present an interesting case. In the King James Bible we read: "And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, EVEN AS ELIAS? But he turned, and rebuked them, AND SAID, YE KNOW NOT WHAT MANNER OF SPIRIT YE ARE OF. FOR THE SON OF MAN IS NOT COME TO DESTROY MEN'S LIVES, BUT TO SAVE THEM. And they went to another village." All the words I have capitalized in these three verses are found in the Majority of all Greek texts, and are found in many ancient versions like the Syriac Peshitta, Curetonian, Palestinian, Harkelian, Georgian, Gothic, Coptic Sahidic and Boharic, Ethiopian and the Old Latin. They are also in the Modern Greek and the Modern Hebrew bibles as well as Wycliffe 1395, Tyndale 1525, Coverdale 1535, the Great Bible 1540, Matthew's Bible 1549, the Bishops' Bible 1568, the Geneva Bible 1587, the King James Bible, the French Martin 1744, French Ostervald 1996, Italian Diodati 1649 and New Diodati 1991, Luther's German Bible 1545 and 1951 German Schlachter, the Spanish Sagradas Escrituras 1569 and the Reina Valera 1909, 1995 and even the older Catholic bibles like the Douay-Rheims of 1582 and 1899 and the Douay of 1950. You can see the 1582 Catholic Rheims Bible, as well as Wycliffe, Tyndale, Cranmer and Geneva bibles for yourself here -

<http://bible.zoxt.net/hex/hex.htm>

The NASBs reveal their fickle nature in that when it first came out in 1963 they completely omitted all these words from the text, as also in the 1972 and 1973 editions. I have these NASBs right here in my study and all these words are omitted from their texts. Then in 1977 and again in 1995 they put them back in [but in brackets] indicating doubt as to their authenticity. What is happening here is that Vaticanus and Sinaiticus omit all these words, as do the Westcott-Hort and UBS Greek texts and so all these words are now omitted by such versions as the NIV, RSV, ESV, Holman Standard, the J.W. New World Translation, Daniel Wallace's NET version AND (you guessed it) the Catholic St. Joseph NAB 1970 and the New Jerusalem bible of 1985. As a result, these Catholic Connection versions read like the ESV - "...Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them? But he turned and rebuked them. And they went on to another village."

By the way, ALL of 1 John 5:7 "the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one" are found in Wycliffe 1395, Tyndale 1525, Coverdale 1535, the Great Bible 1540, Matthew's Bible (John Rogers) 1549, the Bishops' Bible 1568, the Geneva Bible 1587, the King James Bible 1611, John Calvin's translation, the French La Bible de Geneva 1669, the French Martin 1744, French Ostervald 1996, the Portuguese de Almeida 1681 -"*Porque três são os que testificam no céu: o Pai, a Palavra, e o Espírito Santo; e estes três são um.*", the Italian Diodati 1602, 1649, the New Diodati 1991, the Spanish Reina 1569, the Reina Valera of 1602, 1909, 1995, and the NKJV of 1982, plus a multitude of other foreign language Bibles. Believe it or not, but 1 John 5:7 as it stands in the King James Bible and all these others was also the reading of the previous Catholic bibles. It was in the Douay Rheims of 1582 (See the link above), the Douay-Rheims of 1899 and even in the Douay of 1950. It wasn't till the St. Joseph New American Bible of 1970 that the Catholic bibles began to remove "the three that bear witness in heaven, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one" from their translations. For more information on why these words are inspired Scripture see -

<http://brandplucked.webs.com/1john57.htm>

Modern versions like the ESV, NASB, NIV, RSV, NET and Jehovah Witness NWT are for the most part Catholic bibles, not Reformation bibles. They aren't even like the previous Catholic bibles. They are headed in the wrong direction and getting worse, not better. As for the ESV, I believe it is for the most part just like the liberal RSV, of which the ESV is a revision. The ESV rejects even more whole verses than the NASB, NIV. The ESV omits Matthew 12:47 too, just like the Catholic New Jerusalem bible of 1985, but it is still found in the NASB, NIV.

The ESV often rejects the Hebrew readings (as do the NASB, NIV, RSV, NET and the New Jerusalem bible), and they have already come out with the 2nd ESV in 2007 which changed over 350 verses from the previous ESV of 2001. The so called "science" of textual criticism is a joke and a fool's game. If you want to see more concrete information about the ESV, check out this study I did on my own of this new version that is now beginning to grow in popularity. The NASB has virtually disappeared from the scene and is now dead in the water and the ESVs are coming on. The "old" New International Version is no longer being printed and the "new" New International Version has now come out in 2011 in which (by their own admission) they have changed some 10% of the verses from the previous NIV, and have

altered some of the Hebrew and Greek texts they used in the previous NIV. The shelf life of these modern versions is not very long.

<http://brandplucked.webs.com/theesv.htm>

For Proof that versions like the NASB, NIV, ESV all often reject the clear Hebrew readings and not even in the same places see these two articles I have put together by my own comparative studies. This is not empty theory and innuendo, but concrete facts you can see and verify for yourself.

<http://brandplucked.webs.com/nivnasbrejecthebrew.htm>

<http://brandplucked.webs.com/nivnasbrejecthebrew2.htm>

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The following short list is just a sampling of the divergent and confusing readings found among the contradictory modern bible versions. There are numerous other examples, but these are just a few to make you aware of what is going on here with "the late\$ in \$cholar\$hip Finding\$".

Among these “historic details” are whether Jeremiah 27:1 reads Jehoiakim (Hebrew texts, RV, ASV, NKJV, KJB, Douay-Rheims) or Zedekiah (RSV, NIV, NASB, ESV, NET, Holman, Catholic New Jerusalem 1985)

whether 2 Samuel 21:8 reads Michal (Hebrew texts, KJB, NKJV, RV, ASV, Douay-Rheims) or Merab (RSV, NIV, NASB, ESV, NET, Holman, Catholic New Jerusalem)

or 70 (NASB, NKJV, RV, ASV, RSV, NRSV, Holman, KJB) being sent out by the Lord Jesus in Luke 10:1 and 17 or 72 (NIV, ESV, NET, Catholic New Jerusalem)

or in Matthew 18:22 does the Lord say to forgive your brother not “until 7 times, but unto 70 times 7 times” (= 490 times - KJB, RV, ASV, NASB, NKJV, RSV, ESV, Douay-Rheims, ALL Greek texts) or 77 times (NRSV, NIV, Catholic New Jerusalem)

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or God smiting 50,070 men in 1 Samuel 6:19 (KJB, RV, ASV, NASB, NET, Douay-Rheims) or 70 men slain (RSV, NIV, NRSV, ESV, Catholic New Jerusalem), or “70 men- 50 chief men” (Young’s), or “70 MEN OUT OF 50,000 Holman Standard

or there being 30,000 chariots in 1 Samuel 13:5 (KJB, NKJV, RV, ASV, NASB, RSV, NRSV, ESV, Douay-Rheims) or only 3000 (NIV, NET, Holman, Catholic New Jerusalem)

or 1 Samuel 13:1 Here we read: “Saul reigned ONE year; and when he had reigned TWO years over Israel, Saul chose him three thousand men of Israel.” reading - ONE/TWO years (NKJV, KJB, Geneva, Judaica Press Tanach), or 40/32 (NASB 1972-77) or 30/42 (NASB 1995, NIV), OR 30 years/ 40 years (NET) or \_\_\_\_\_years and.\_\_\_\_\_and two years (RSV, NRSV, ESV, Catholic New Jerusalem), or even “32 years old...reigned for 22 years” in the 1989 Revised English Bible!

2 Samuel 15:7 “forty years” (KJB, Hebrew, Geneva, NKJV, NASB, RV, Douay-Rheims) OR “four years” (NIV, RSV, ESV, NET, Catholic New Jerusalem)

or whether both 2 Samuel 23:18 and 1 Chronicles 11:20 read “chief of the THREE” (KJB, Hebrew texts, RV, ASV, NKJV, NRSV, Holman, NIV, NET, Holman, NET, Douay-Rheims) or THIRTY from the Syriac (NASB, RSV, ESV, Catholic New Jerusalem)

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or whether 1 Kings 4:26 reads 40,000 stalls of horses (Hebrew, KJB, RV, ASV, NASB, ESV, NKJV, Douay-Rheims) or 4,000 stalls (NIV, NET, Catholic New Jerusalem)

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or in 2 Chronicles 31:16 we read "males from THREE years old" (Hebrew texts, KJB, Geneva Bible, Wycliffe, LXX, Syriac, RV, ASV, RSV, NRSV, ESV, NIV, NKJV, Holman, NET, Douay-Rheims) or "males from THIRTY years old" (NASB - ft. Hebrew “three”, Catholic New Jerusalem)

or where 2 Chronicles 36:9 reads that Jehoiachin was 8 years old when he began to reign (Hebrew texts, KJB, NASB, NKJV, RV, ASV, KJB, RSV, NRSV, ESV 2001 edition, Douay-Rheims) or he was 18 years old (NIV, Holman, NET, ESV 2007 edition!!! and once again the Catholic New Jerusalem)

or that when God raised the Lord Jesus from the dead it is stated in Acts 13:33 “this day have I begotten thee” (KJB, NASB, NKJV, RV, RSV, NRSV, ESV, Douay-Rheims) or “today I have become your Father” (NIV, Holman, NET, Catholic New Jerusalem).

If you go back and read through this list of just some of the numerous very real differences that exist among these Bible of the Month Club versions, ask yourself **Which (if any) are the 100% historically true words of God. IF "the Bible" is not 100% historically true in the events it narrates, then when does God start to tell us the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?**

If you wish to see more about this recent "Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy" please see

<http://brandplucked.webs.com/chicagostate.htm>

One of the typical objections the bible agnostics, Bible critics and those who do not believe in the inerrancy of any Bible often bring up is Why did the King James Bible originally contain the Apocrypha books? Here is a good answer that provides a lot of information about all bibles of that time; why it was originally in the King James Bible and how the KJB translators viewed the Apocrypha

<http://brandplucked.webs.com/apocryphakjb.htm>

Another word of explanation. I am not against the Catholic people. I have known a few Catholics personally whom I believe to be true Christians who love the Lord Jesus Christ and are trusting in Him for their salvation, even though they still follow many erroneous teachings of Rome. Likewise there are many "Protestants" who are not true Christians either but just follow the outward, religious forms. But the Catholic Church and its doctrines of the perpetually repeated "sacrifice" of the Mass, the veneration of Mary and the saints, the doctrine of Purgatory, the good works treadmill to earn grace and salvation, the confession of sins to a "priest" and the infallibility of the Pope are all abominable false doctrines from the whore of Babylon. I believe (as did all the Reformers) it is primarily the Roman Catholic Church that is depicted as the "Mystery Babylon, the Mother of harlots and Abominations of the earth" in Revelation chapters 17 and 18, and God says in Revelation 18:4 "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." Some of God's people are in this false religious system and God commands them to come out of it.

The King James Bible is right, and the Bible critics are wrong, as always.

"He that hath ears to hear, let him hear." Matthew 11:15

Will Kinney

For more Proof that versions like the ESV, NIV, NASB, NET etc. are in fact Catholic bible versions, see this study on Matthew 6:13 and Luke 11:2-4 in what is commonly called the Lord's Prayer. Pay special attention to the section dealing with Luke 11:2-4. You cannot honestly deny that these modern versions are identical to the modern joint effort Evangelical/Catholic Connection bible versions.

<http://brandplucked.webs.com/matthew613.htm>

For a much more in depth look at just how identical to the modern Catholic bible versions the ESV, NIV, NASBs really are, be sure to take a look at Part Two seen here. It is an incredible eye opener and removes all lingering doubt. -

<http://brandplucked.webs.com/esvcatholicpart2.htm>

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or whether 1 Kings 5:11 reads 20 measures of pure oil (Hebrew texts, Geneva, KJB, ASV, RV, NASB, NRSV, Douay-Rheims) or 20,000 (RSV, NIV, ESV, NET, LXX and Syriac, Catholic New Jerusalem)

or in 2 Chronicles 31:16 we read "males from THREE years old" (Hebrew texts, KJB, Geneva Bible, Wycliffe, LXX, Syriac, RV, ASV, RSV, NRSV, ESV, NIV, NKJV, Holman, NET, Douay-Rheims) or "males from THIRTY years old" (NASB - ft. Hebrew "three", Catholic New Jerusalem)

or where 2 Chronicles 36:9 reads that Jehoiachin was 8 years old when he began to reign (Hebrew texts, KJB, NASB, NKJV, RV, ASV, KJB, RSV, NRSV, ESV 2001 edition, Douay-Rheims) or he was 18 years old (NIV, Holman, NET, ESV 2007 edition!!! and once again the Catholic New Jerusalem)

or that when God raised the Lord Jesus from the dead it is stated in Acts 13:33 "this day have I begotten thee" (KJB, NASB, NKJV, RV, RSV, NRSV, ESV, Douay-Rheims) or "today I have become your Father" (NIV, Holman, NET, Catholic New Jerusalem).

If you go back and read through this list of just some of the numerous very real differences that exist among these Bible of the Month Club versions, ask yourself which (if any) are the 100% historically true words of God. IF "the Bible" is not 100% historically true in the events it narrates, then when does God start to tell us the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?

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