

A group of people are gathered around a dining table in a kitchen, engaged in conversation and eating. The scene is dimly lit, with warm light from candles on the table. The background shows white kitchen cabinets and a window with a wreath. The text 'Kitchen Table' is written in a white, cursive font with a blue outline, and 'APOLOGETICS' is written in a white, bold, sans-serif font with a blue outline, both overlaid on the image.

Kitchen Table

APOLOGETICS

Apologetics

Know Why You Believe

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APOLOGETICS

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.”

-2 Timothy 2:15

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APOLOGETICS TOOLS:

- Scripture
- Evidence
- Reason

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Is the Bible God's Word?

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Scripture Claims Divine Inspiration



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“All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

-2 Timothy 3:16

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Scripture Claims Divine Inspiration

- Peter: *2 Peter 1:21; 3:2; 3:15-16*
- Jesus: *Mathew 5:18; 12:40*
- Old Testament Prophets: *Jer. 22:1*

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Evidence: Authenticity of the Bible

4 Tests of Manuscript Authenticity

- **Copies close in time to original**
- **Number of copies**
- **Copies agree**
- **Confirmed by external sources**

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Evidence: Authenticity of the Bible

- Copies close in time to original

-Homer's Iliad

720BC – 400BC = 320 year gap

-Gospel of Mark

50AD – 235AD = 175 year gap

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Evidence: Authenticity of the Bible

- Number of copies

 - Homer's Iliad

 - 643

 - Bible

 - 24,000+

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Evidence: Authenticity of the Bible

- Copies agree

- Homer's Iliad

- 15,600 lines, 764 in doubt; 5%

- Bible

- 20,000 lines, 40 in doubt; 0.2%

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Evidence: Authenticity of the Bible

- **Confirmed by external sources**

**Ancient writings quote vast
majority of Bible**

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Evidence: Does it work?

- 'test me in this' *Malachi 3:10*
- 'taste and see' *Psalms 34:8*
- 'do what it says' *James 1:22*

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Evidence: Does it work?

“Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you punish him with the rod, he will not die.” *-Proverbs 23:13*

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Reasonable – It makes sense

“anyone who comes to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek him.”

-Hebrews 11:6

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Reasonable – It makes sense

**“I am the Lord, the God of all mankind.
Is anything too hard for me?”**

-Jeremiah 32:27

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Reasonable – It makes sense

“We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.”

-1 Corinthians 2:12