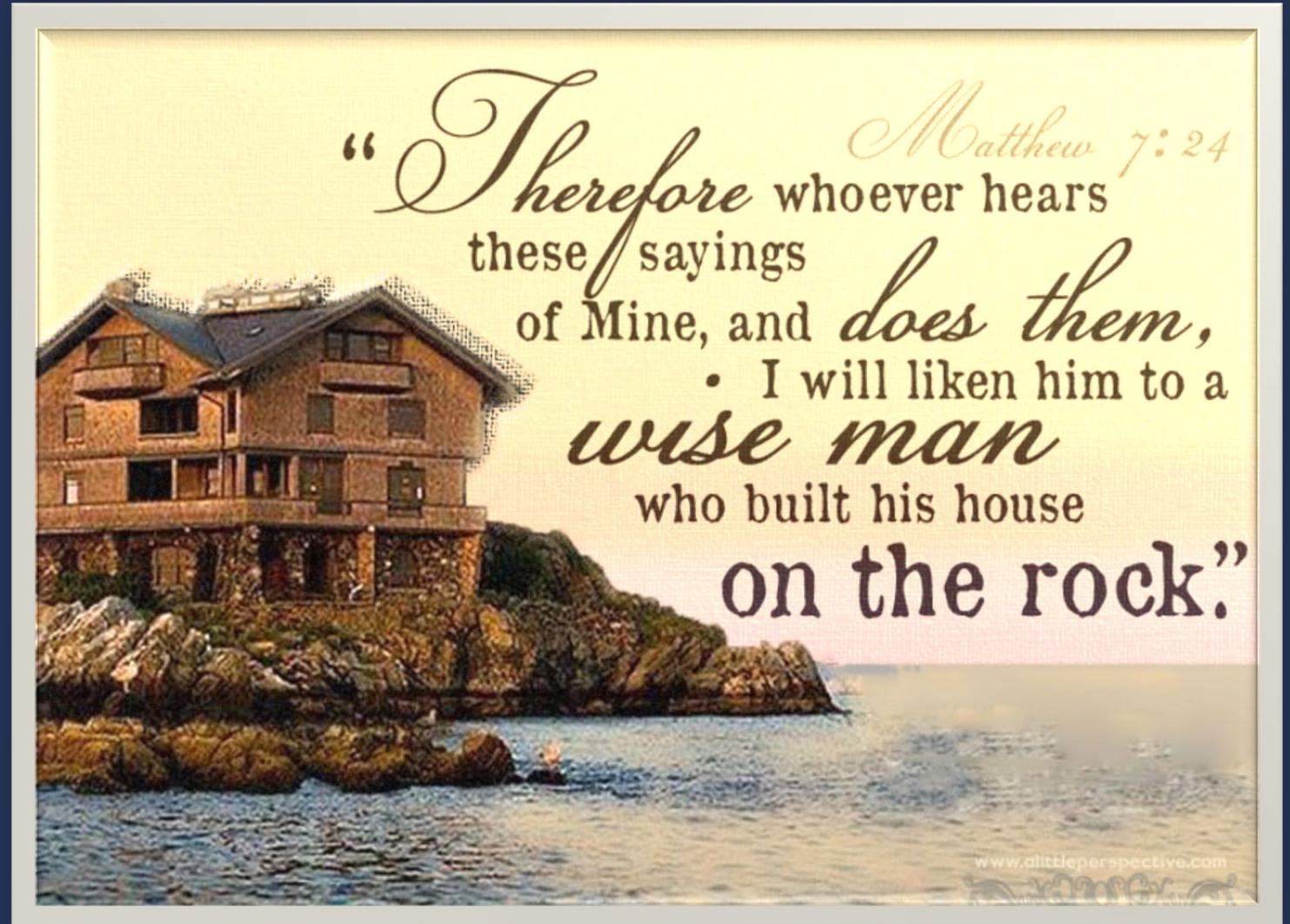


*YOU CAN  
BET YOUR  
LIFE ON IT!*

*How Reliable Is The Bible?*

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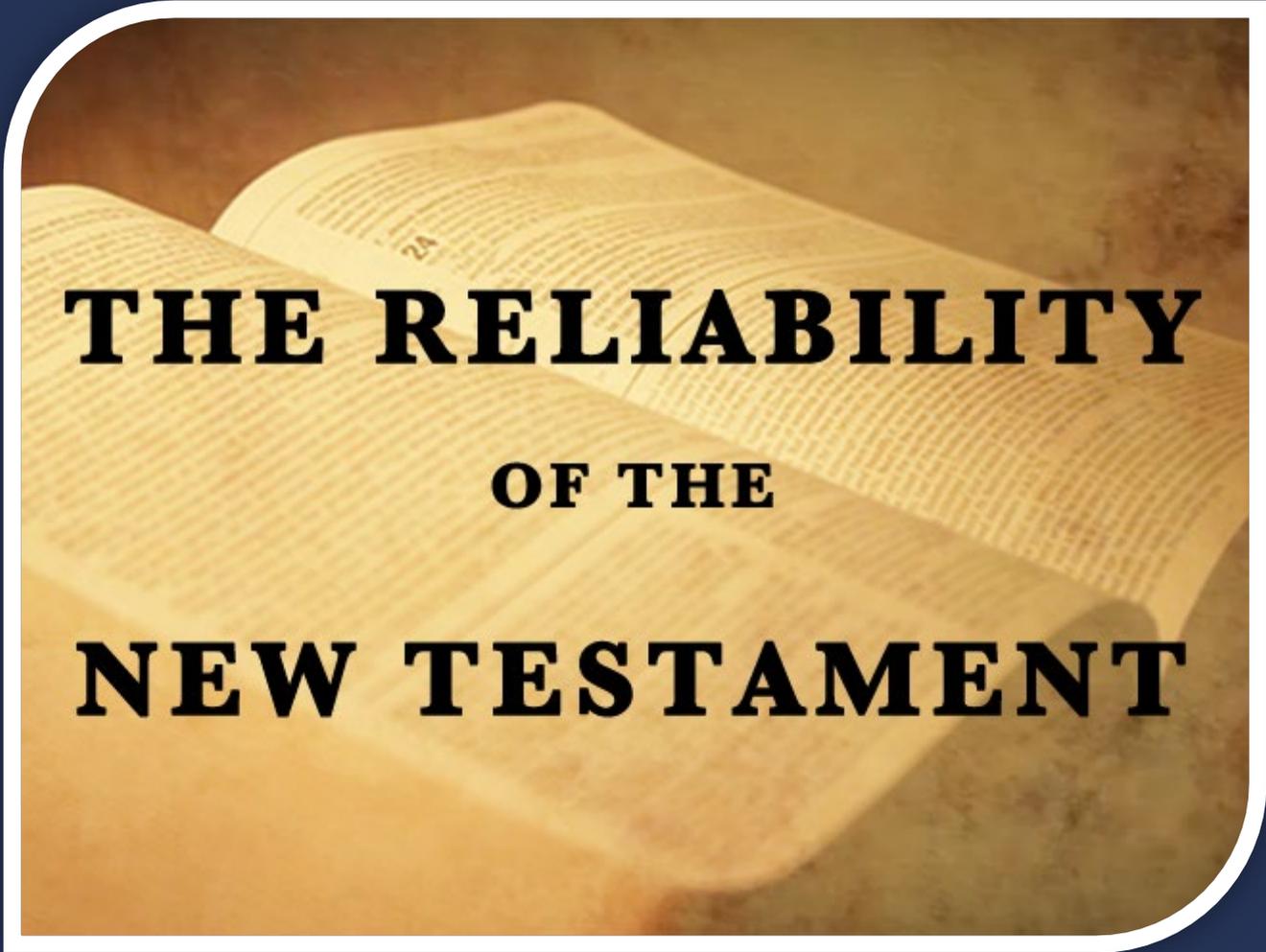
In Matthew 7:24-27, Jesus talks about building our lives on the foundation of His word or choosing other foundation.



But how reliable is the Bible? Can we trust the Gospels?

Lee Stroble suggests 5 persuasive reasons for the reliability of the Gospels. They begin with the vowels of the alphabet:  
“A – E – I – O – U”

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A stack of several old, yellowed books with text overlaid. The text is in a bold, black, serif font. The books are stacked and slightly offset, showing their pages and spines. The background is a warm, golden-brown color.

**THE RELIABILITY  
OF THE  
NEW TESTAMENT**

**“A” is for  
AUTHORSHIP  
!**

**The authors of  
the Gospel  
were  
eyewitnesses or  
lived very close  
to the events  
they reported!**

## **1 John 1-3**

**<sup>1</sup> That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—<sup>2</sup> the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—<sup>3</sup> that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you**

**“E” is for  
EARLY  
WRITINGS!**

The New  
Testament was  
written shortly  
after the events  
they report.

**Luke 1:1-4**

**1** Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, **2** just as those who from the beginning were **eyewitnesses** and ministers of the word have **delivered them to us**, **3** it seemed good to me also, **having followed all things closely** for some time past, to **write an orderly account** for you, most excellent Theophilus, **4 that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.**

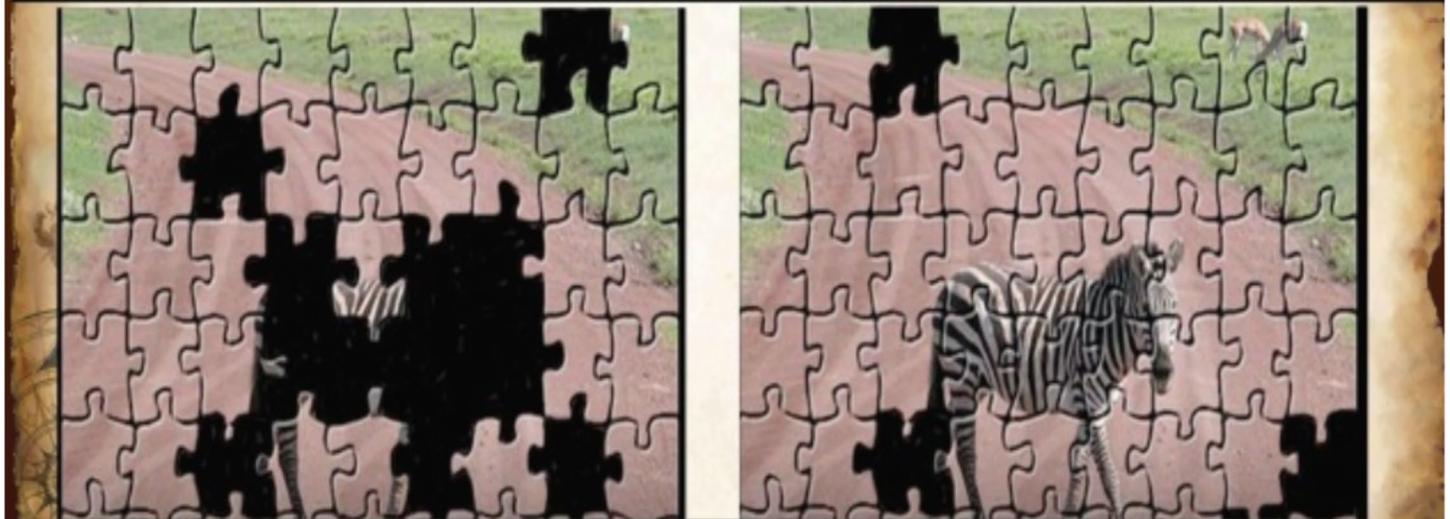
**“I” is for  
INTEGRITY  
OF THE TEXT !**

We have a great number of early manuscripts to support the text.

*The Reliability of The New Testament*

**What About Variations In The Text?**

**What Part of the Puzzle is Missing?**



The More We Have, The More Confidence We Have!

**“O” is for  
OUTSIDE  
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**Boat from time of Jesus (1986)**

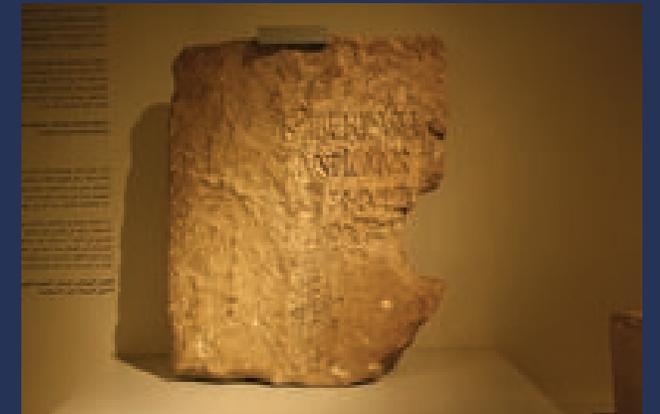


**Crucified & Buried (1968)**



*Ya'akov bar Yosef akhui di Yeshua*

"James, son of Joseph,  
brother of Jesus"



**Pontius Pilate (1961)**

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“U” is for  
**UNIQUENESS!**

The New  
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unlike any other  
ancient text.

## *“The Lost Gospels”*

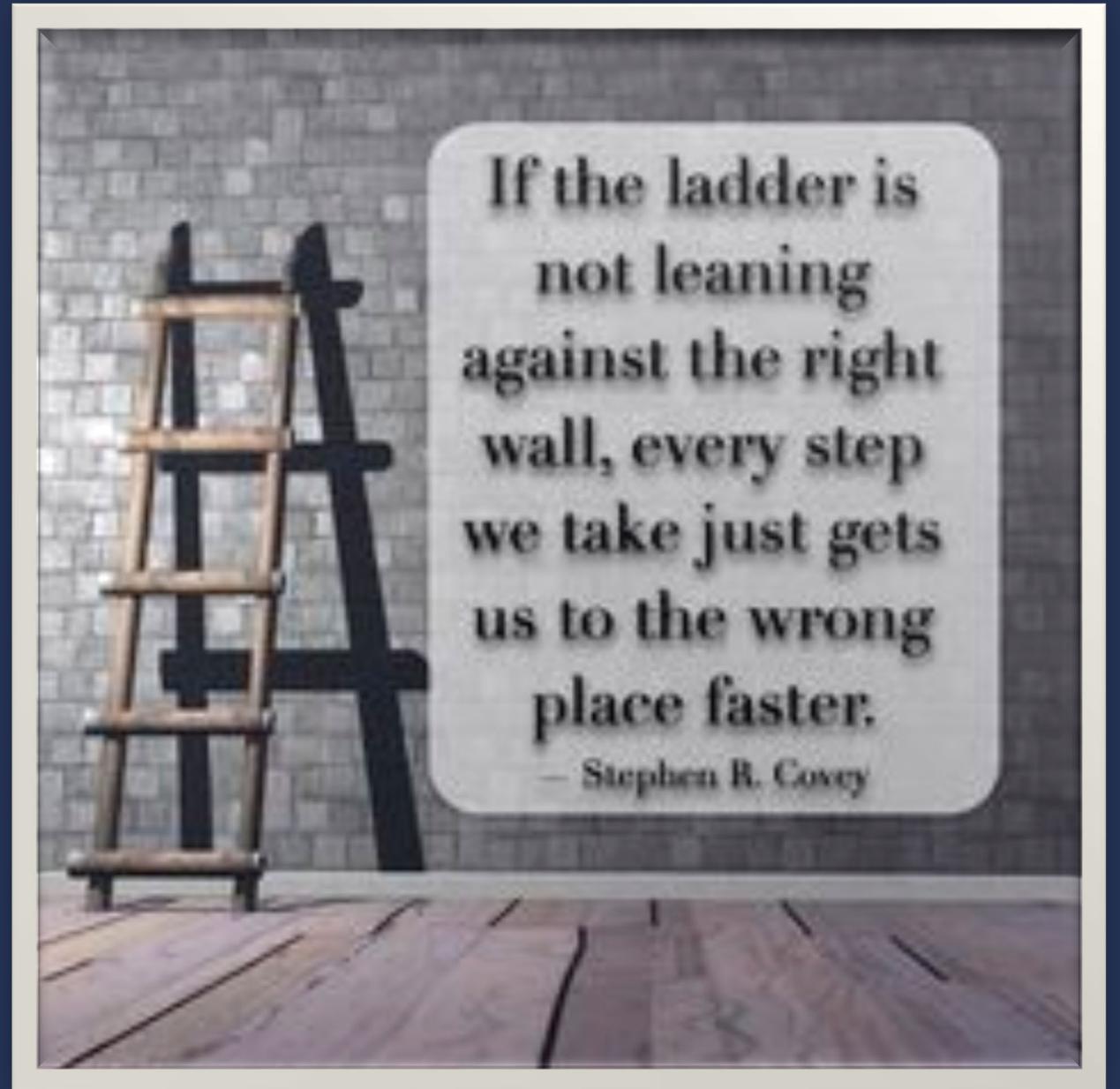
- Except for the Gospel of Thomas, all the others were written more than 100 years after Jesus.
- Teachings in these differ from what we know the apostles taught
- Never quoted by any known author during first 300 years after Christ
- Never read in Christian assemblies
- Not included in the lists of accepted books & letters
- Not the subject of commentaries
- Some were specifically rejected by the Church

Mike Licona

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*Life is like  
climbing a  
ladder... and  
everyone has  
to lean that  
letter against  
something!*

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If the ladder is  
not leaning  
against the right  
wall, every step  
we take just gets  
us to the wrong  
place faster.

— Stephen R. Covey

*LEAN ON  
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