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(1) The New Testament Has Been Faithfully Transmitted

- (a) Ancient Sources Confirm the Early New Testament Canon
 - i. Clement of Rome (c. A.D. 95)
 - ii. Ignatius of Antioch (c. A.D. 115)
 - iii. Polycarp, a disciple of John, (c. A.D. 108)
- (b) It Was Recognized in Geographically Independent Areas
 - i. Irenaeus (in Asia Minor)
 - ii. Origen (in Alexandria, Egypt)
 - iii. Hippolytus (in Rome)
 - iv. Eusebius (in Caesarea, Palestine)
 - v. Athanasius (in Alexandria, Egypt)
- (c) The New Testament Can be Nearly Completely Re-Constructed from the Writings of the Early Church Fathers
- (d) The New Testament Documents are Larger in Number and Closer in Proximity to the Events Than ANY Other Ancient Record

(2) The New Testament Has Been Verified with Archeology

- (a) The Gospels and Writings Have Been Verified By Archeology
 - i. The Census - by the Quirinius Inscription
 - ii. Lysanias - by the Damascus Inscription
 - iii. "The Pavement" - by the Tower of Antonia
 - iv. Pontius Pilate - by the Pontus Pilate Rock
 - v. Crucifixion - by remains of Yohanan Ben Ha'galgol
 - vi. The Iconium - by the William Ramsay monument
 - vii. "Politarch" - by Thessalonian Inscriptions
 - viii. Sergius Paulus - by the Sergius Paulus Inscription
 - ix. Gallio - by the Delphi Inscriptions
- (b) The Gospel of Luke Includes True Accounts of Roman Culture
 - i. Correct Description of Ways to Gain Roman Citizenship
 - ii. An Accurate Explanation of Provincial Penal Procedure
 - iii. A True Depiction of Invoking One's Roman Citizenship
 - iv. A True Description of Being in Roman Custody

(3) The New Testament Has Been Confirmed by Prophecy

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 - ii. That Jerusalem and the Temple Would Be Destroyed
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