

THE BIBLE *for* GROWN-UPS

Last Things First
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Scripture: *Luke 1:1,3; 23:53, 55–56; Acts 3:13–15; John 20:30–31*

Idea: How we got our Bibles is not how we got *The Bible*.

Picture: George Washington Stanley

Picture: Emperor Diocletian

Visual: An actual BIBLE displayed on a table propped up

Introduction

This is a series for **adults** who were introduced to the Bible as **children**.

This is a series for adults introduced to the Bible as **adults** by **adults** who were introduced to the Bible as **children**. While most know some . . .

Bible stories . . .

Most people don't know . . .

The story of the Bible.

Understanding how we got *The Bible* is almost as important as knowing what's in it. The **backstory** sheds light on **the story**.

As kids, unimportant. As adults, so important.

If you don't know the story *of* the Bible, it's easy to discount the stories *in* the Bible.

Problem: The way we got our Bible is not how we got *The Bible*. My first Bible: Gold. God's Word. All true. I believed it . . . before I read it.

You? Not encouraged to read. Priest read to you. Either way, we carried our childhood understandings of the Bible into adulthood.

For some: If the Bible says it, that still settles it. **For others:** Not that easy. Somebody pointed out:

