

Is the Bible a Fairy Tale?

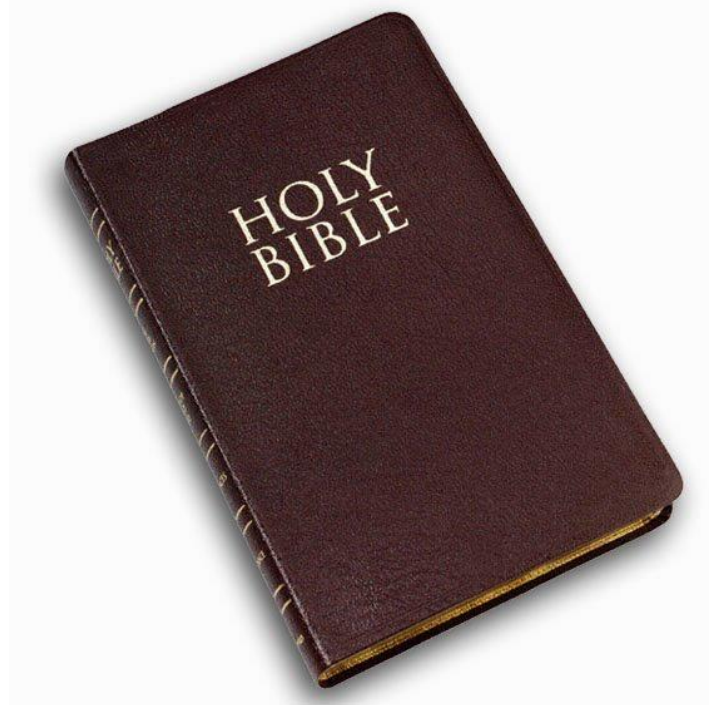
C. S. Lewis

“It almost looks
as if it had really
happened once.”



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The Bible



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A Fairy Tale?



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Fairy Tales:

nce
upon
a
time...

*A long
time ago
in a galaxy
far, far
away...*



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The Gospels:

“a decree
went out
from Caesar
Augustus”



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The world of the Gospels:



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Most Common Names in the Gospels and Acts:

Simon (8 men)

Mary (6 women)

Joseph (6 men)

Judas (5 men)

John (5 men)

Most Common Names in that time and place:

Simon (#1 for men)

Mary (#1 for women)

Joseph (#2 for men)

Judas (#4 for men)

John (#5 for men)



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Tales from the journey:



Ancient Historians on Jesus:

Josephus
(75– 95 AD)

Tacitus
(116 AD)



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Was Jesus believed to be God?



Pliny the
Younger
(112 AD)

Paul (53-54 AD):

“I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.” (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)



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Fake News?



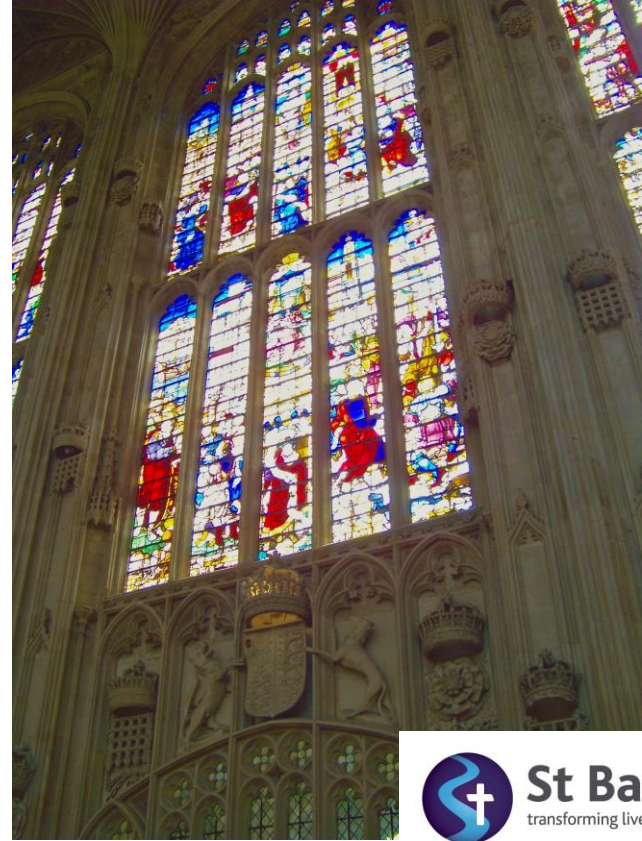
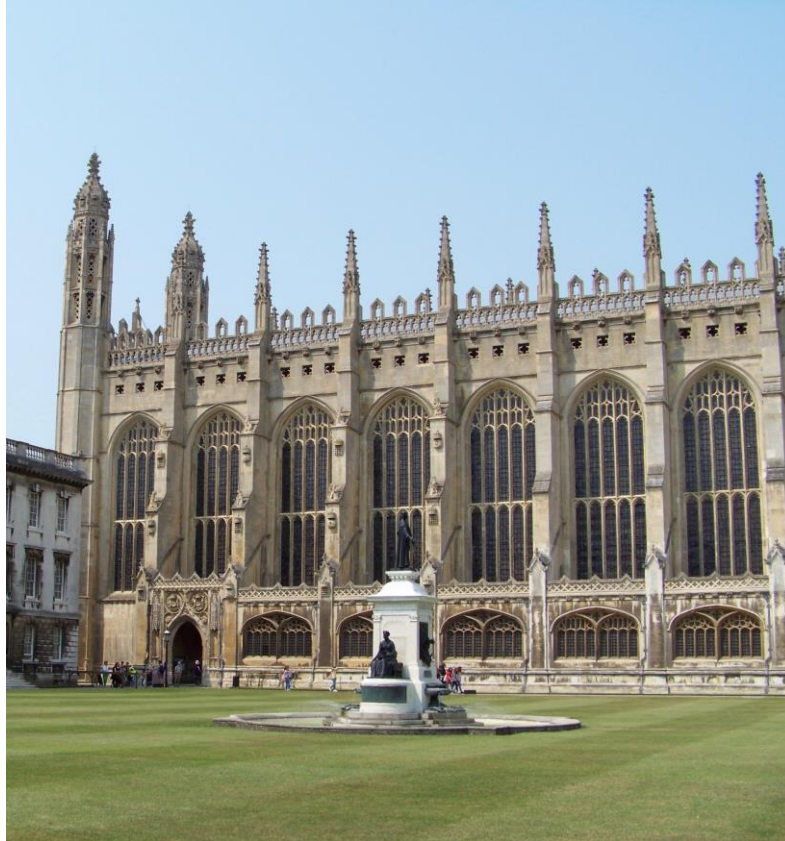
Embarrassing Truths



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John: “these [stories] are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” (John 20:31)

Come inside and see!



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