**So What?** *(Graphic)*

**Week 1:** “So what about other religions?”

 What you believe determines **where you will go in life**.

**Week 2:** “So what about creation?”

 What we believe about **creation** determines how we view **ourselves** and **life**.

**Examples of Intelligent Design:** Fine Tuning, DNA, Trinity of Trinities

**“So what about the Bible?”**

What you believe about the Bible **determines how you live your life.**

(Hebrews 4:12)

“For the word of God is **alive and active**. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”

(2 Timothy 3:16)

“**All** Scripture is **God-breathed** and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,”

Is the Bible **reliable**?

**Reliability of Ancient Manuscripts:**

1. How many available manuscripts?
2. Who wrote them and why?
3. What’s the date of the earliest copy compared to the original?
4. How many available manuscripts? *(\*\*build a list)*

**Gallic Wars:** 10

**Tacitus:** 2

1. Who wrote them and why?

**Gallic Wars:** written by one man, hired by Caesar to write about Caesar.

**Tacitus:** Written by one man, under the dictatorship of Rome.

1. What’s the date of the earliest copy compared to the original?

**Gallic Wars:** earliest manuscript is 900 years after the original.

 **Tacitus:** earliest manuscript is 900 years after the original.

1. How many available manuscripts? *(\*\*build a list)*

**Bible:** 25,000+

1. Who wrote them and why?

**Bible:** many authors. The four writers of the gospels gave their lives for what they said they saw.

1. What’s the date of the earliest copy compared to the original?

**Bible:** NT earliest copies date 135 AD

Dead Sea Scrolls 1947

 When you seem **lost,** you can be **led** by Scripture.

 When life is a **struggle,** you can **stand** on God’s word.