

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How would you explain to someone that the Bible is not just one big, thick book? How are the books of the Bible organized?
2. About how long did it take for people to recognize the books of the Bible as canonical?
3. Ultimately, who picked the books of the New Testament?
4. How do we know the New Testament books are Scripture?
5. Why was it so important to early Christians to know which books were Scripture and which books were from man?
6. What were the criteria used to distinguish a canonical book from a non-canonical book?
7. How do we know the so-called “lost books” of the Old and New Testaments are frauds?
8. Why did the Roman Catholic Church decide to recognize the Old Testament *Apocrypha* as canonical?
9. Which religious groups today claim that the Bible has been corrupted while saying that their own supposedly “inspired” books have been perfectly preserved?
10. If God really did “lose” some books, what are the implications?