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171. What is the assumption scholars make with respect to the accuracy of New Testament accounts, especially when they are conflicting?

172. How does this assumption present a problem when it comes to understanding the life of Jesus as an historical figure?

173. Why does Paul have so little to say about the Historical Jesus?

174. Fill out the following:

Total # of NT books:	<input type="text"/>	Undisputed Letters	Disputed Letters
# of NT books that are letters/epistles:	<input type="text"/>	1.	1.
# that claim to be written by Paul:	<input type="text"/>	2.	2.
# that scholars consider 'Undisputed':	<input type="text"/>	3.	3.
# that scholars consider 'Disputed':	<input type="text"/>	4.	4.
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175. Why do scholars debate the authenticity of some of Paul's letters?

176. What is the apparent contradiction between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians that is often used as an example of why some letters may not be authentically Pauline?

177. In what ways is the issue of Pauline authenticity complicated by the nature of ancient authorship/ letter writing?

178. What is an amanuensis? Which letters indicate that Paul used one, and how do we know?

179. What are our two main sources of information about the life of Paul? Which source is favored by scholars, and why?

180. When were all of Paul's 'Undisputed' Letters composed? How are they arranged in the NT canon?

181. What does it mean to say that Paul's letters are "occasional" literature, and how should this impact the way they are read and interpreted?