

What is the Bible?

- 6th October, 1536 William Tyndale executed outside Vilvoorde
- The Bible
 - 66 books – history, biography, poetry, law, letters...
 - Many authors (and just one)
 - Written over about 1000 years
 - A book in history
- But can I trust it?

Who has authority we can trust?

- Who tells us the truth about God, life and death?
- An important question
 - We take ideas without examining sources
- A difficult question
 - On our own we are just guessing...
 - 'No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known' John 1:18
- Jesus – authority we can trust
 - Jesus – God on God
 - Jesus – who commissioned a book

Who has authority we can trust?

- The Bible – authority we can trust
- Historically reliable
 - Eye-witnesses, with nothing to gain by lying
 - Good transition – copies from within 200 years
- The problem – not the book, any book!
 - We want experience – God NOW!
 - Not a book about God
 - Like Thomas – John 20:24-31 (p. 1094)



The problem – authority we don't trust

- 'If God came today I'd believe'
- But people didn't – despite miracles and resurrection
- Didn't want truth, God, authority
- We are biased against God
- We are blind to God

Authority you will trust?

- Do you want the truth?
- Read the book
- Ask God to open your eyes to him


