



Didn't The Roman Catholics Give Us the Bible? by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

QUESTION: Didn't the Roman Catholic church determine what was in the Holy Bible?

ANSWER: LET THE BIBLE DETERMINE THIS ANSWER:

1. THE 39 BOOKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT WERE SET AND ACCEPTED BY JESUS HIMSELF. Of the Old Testament, it was accepted that:

No prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. (**2 Peter 1:20-21**)

All who quoted from it cited the writer (**Acts 2:25-29**), book (**Acts 1:20**), and even a chapter (**Acts 13:33**). Jesus said to the Jews,

"If you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?" (**John 5:46-47**)

After His Resurrection, Jesus said:

"These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." (**Luke 24:44**)

No one questioned the authenticity and accuracy of the Old Testament in Jesus' Day, and neither should anyone living afterward.

2. THE 27 BOOKS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT WERE SET AND ACCEPTED HUNDREDS OF YEARS BEFORE THERE EVER WAS A ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH!

a. Apostles were eye-witnesses:

For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: 'This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.' And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. (**2 Peter 1:16-18**)

b. **Apostles determined what Scriptures should be accepted:**

a. **Paul:**

Now when this epistle is read among you, see that it is read also in the church of the Laodiceans, and that you likewise read the epistle from Laodicea. (**Colossians 4:16**)

I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read to all the holy brethren. (**1 Thessalonians 5:27**)

If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord. (**1 Corinthians 14:37**)

b. **Peter:**

And consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation — as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures. (**2 Peter 3:15-16**)

c. **The New Testament Canon (List) of 27 books was finished by the end of the 1st Century:**

I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. (**Jude 3**)

—- jtpll, June 6, 2021