

Victory Faith Centre

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Modern versions attack the Lord Jesus Christ

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The pure and accurate Word of God

“Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.”
(Psalm 119:140)

“Every word of God is pure” (Proverbs 30:5a)
Even the neglect of small words would cause impurity.

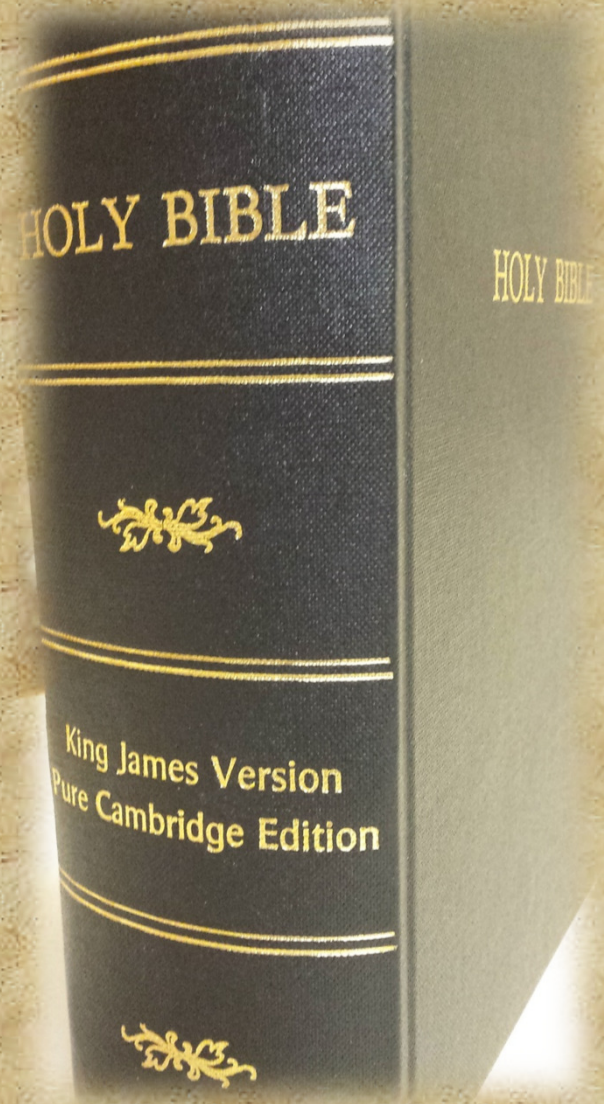
“thy word is truth” (see John 17:17)

“God is not a man, that he should lie” (Numbers 23:19)

The preservation of God's Word

“He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations.” (Psalm 105:8)

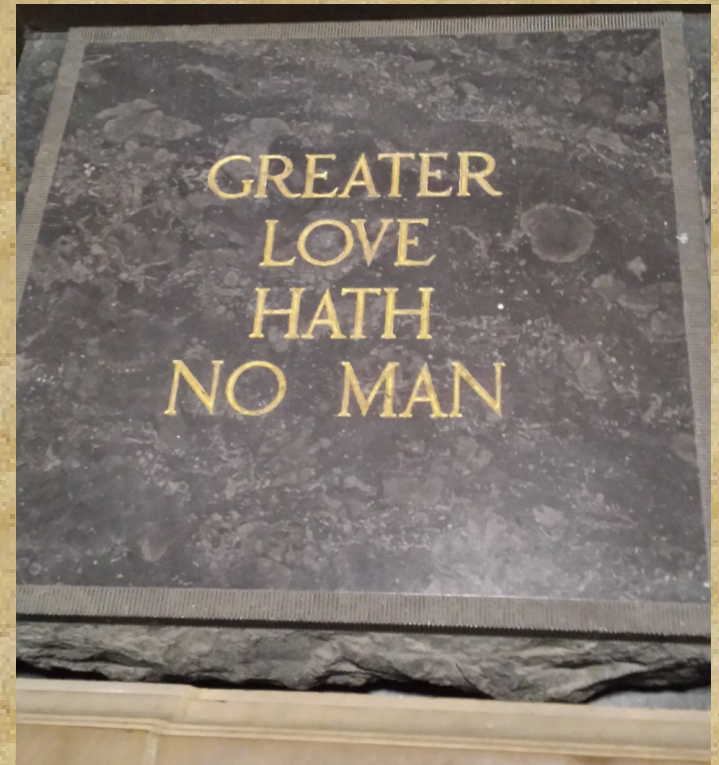
Hence, God's Word must be available today. There are signposts everywhere pointing to it.



An example of one of God's signposts to His Word

Even in our secular society, there is a signpost to Christ's words:

- At a place called 'holy'.
- At the top of a Shrine.
- Using the words of Jesus.
- Using the Authorized Version (King James Bible).
- In a place for 'remembrance' and 'reverence'.



Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne – see John 15:13

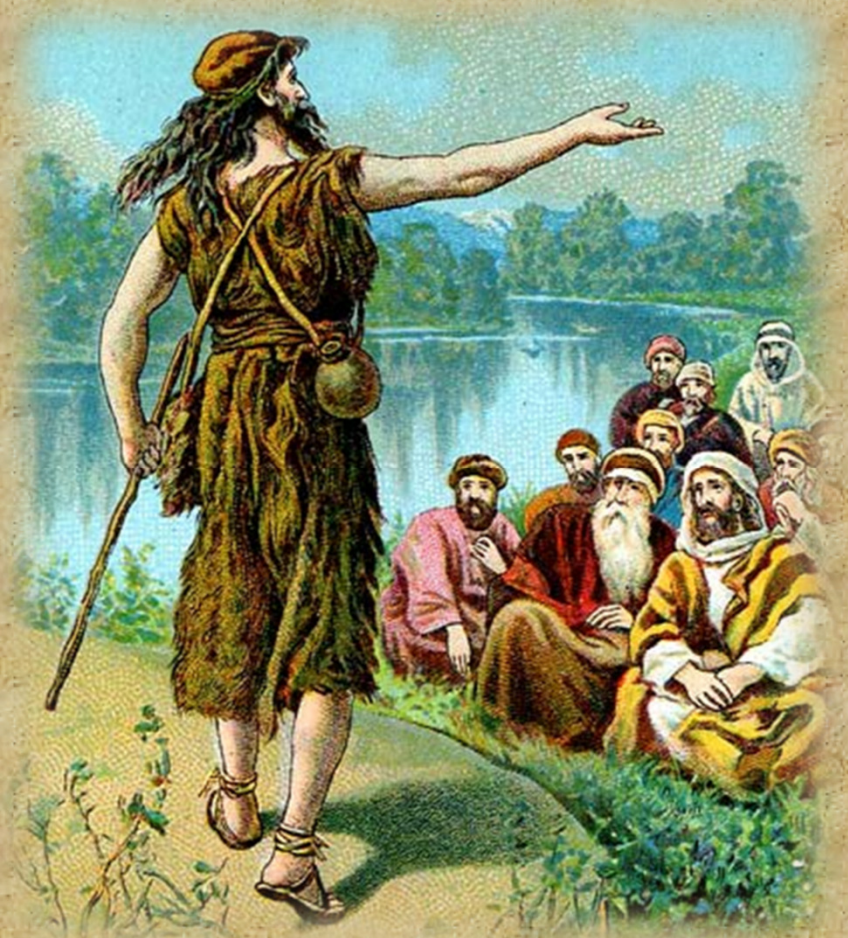
Modern versions attack Christ

Modern versions attack Christ in the areas of:

- **His Deity** (God manifest in the flesh)
- **His nature** (He does not lie)
- **His words** (He is never wrong)
- **His work of redemption** (His blood)
- **Circumstances surrounding Him** (His virgin birth)
- **Doctrine about Him** (What He taught)

The preparation for Christ's first coming attacked

“[2] As it is written in the **prophets**, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. [3] The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” (Mark 1:2,3,KJB)



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Verse 2 is a direct quote from the prophet in Malachi 3:1.

Verse 3 is a direct quote from the prophet in Isaiah 40:3.

The preparation for Christ's first coming attacked

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(Mark 1:2, 3, NIV)

Many modern versions now make verse 2 into nonsense.

Virgin birth of Christ attacked

“Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign*; Behold, a **virgin** shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.” (Isaiah 7:14, KJB. See also Matthew 1:22,23)

“... the virgin's name was Mary”
(Luke 1:27b)

* Some modern versions completely wreck this prophecy.



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“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign.
Behold, **a young woman** shall conceive and bear
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(Isaiah7:14, RSV)

Other modern versions that wreck this prophecy
include the CEB, CJB, ERV, GNT, NABRE, NET,
NRSV, VOICE.

Christ as the only begotten Son attacked

“For God so loved the world that he gave his **only begotten Son**, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

(John 3:16, KJB)

“Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son* of God.” (Luke 3:38)

* Adam was the son of God by creation.

Christ as the only begotten Son attacked

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16, NIV)

Reading out loud the modern version makes it contradict itself in Luke 8:38 and Romans 8:14, and takes away from the special birth of the Son of God.

The everlasting nature of Christ attacked

“[1] In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [14a] And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among US” (John 1:1,14a, KJB)



The everlasting nature of Christ attacked

“But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.”

(Micah 5:2, KJB)

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from old, from ancient times.” (Micah 5:2, NIV)

Did magi (or sorcerers) visit Christ as a child?

“Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came **wise men** from the east to Jerusalem” (Matthew 2:1, KJB)

The wise men were taught in the ways of Daniel the prophet and knew prophecy (see verse 2).



Lies in the modern version text [Matthew 2:1, NIV]

The Visit of the Magi

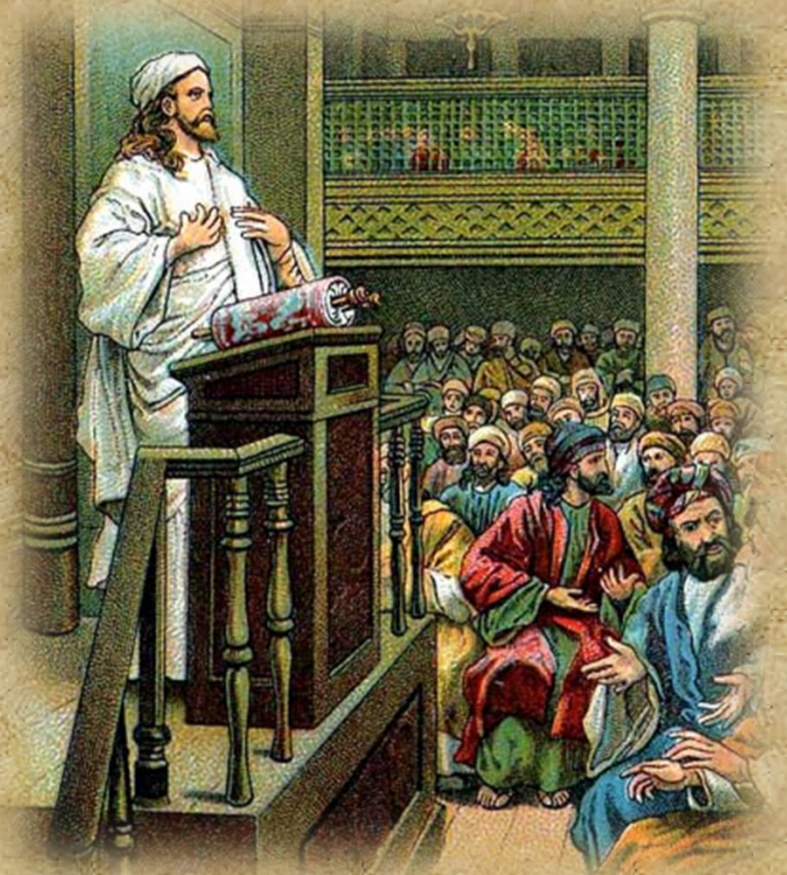
2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, **Magi**^e from the east came to Jerusalem ²and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east^f and have come to worship him.”

Magi = a magician, sorcerer, or astrologer

Changing Christ's words is a serious matter!

"If I bear **witness** of myself, my **witness** is not true." (John 5:31, KJB)

"Jesus answered and said unto them, Though I bear **record** of myself, yet my **record** is true"
(John 8:14a, KJB)



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By God's law, two or more witnesses are needed to establish what is said (see Matthew 18:16).

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A record is a verifiable fact concerning the history of someone or something, such as a birthplace (for example, Bethlehem for Christ).

Making Christ contradict Himself

“If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true.”

(John 5:31, NKJV)

“Jesus answered and said to them, “Even if I bear witness of Myself, My witness is true” (John 8:14a, NKJV)

Making Christ contradict Himself

“If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true.”

(John 5:31, NIV)

“Jesus answered, “Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid” (John 8:14a, NIV)

Making Christ to be like Lucifer

“How art thou fallen from heaven, O **Lucifer**, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!” (Isaiah 14:12, KJB)

“I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and **morning star**.”
(Revelation 22:16, KJB)

Making Christ to be like Lucifer

“How you have fallen from heaven, **O morning star***, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you once laid low the nations!” (Isaiah 14:12, NIV)

* The NIV keeps “morning star” for Jesus in Revelation 22:16.



Undermining of Christ's words in modern versions

“Jesus answered again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it **for them that trust in riches** to enter into the kingdom of God!”

(Mark 10:24, KJB)

“Jesus said again, ‘Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!’” (Mark 10:24, NIV)



Attacking Christ's claim to be God (His deity)

“Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God,
thought it not robbery to be equal with God*”

(Philippians 2:5b, 6)

“Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him
[Jesus], because he not only had broken the sabbath,
but said also that God was his Father, making himself
equal with God.” (John 5:18)

*Thus, the Lord Jesus Christ thought of Himself as equal with God and claimed such.
See also John 14:9.

Attacking Christ's claim to be God (His deity)

“Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God **did not consider equality with God** something to be grasped” (Philippians 2:5b, 6, NIV)

“Christ was truly God. **But he did not try to remain equal with God.**” (Philippians 2:5b, 6, CEV)

“For this reason the Jews tried all the harder to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, **making himself equal with God.**” (John 5:18, NIV)

Attacking Christ's Sonship

“And **Joseph and his mother** marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.”

(Luke 2:33, KJB, see also Luke 3:23)

“[A] voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.” (Luke 3:22b, KJB)



Attacking Christ's Sonship

“The child's **father and mother** marveled at what was said about him.” (Luke 2:33, NIV)

“And a voice came from heaven: ‘You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.’ ”
(Luke 3:22b, NIV)

Attacking Christ's lineage (little words matter!)

“And when the days of **her purification** according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord” (Luke 2:22, KJB)

“[2] Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a woman have conceived seed, and born a man child: then she shall be unclean seven days ... [4] And she shall then continue in the blood of **her purifying** three and thirty days; she shall touch no hallowed thing, nor come into the sanctuary, until the days of **her purifying** be fulfilled.” (Leviticus 12:2a, 4, KJB)

Attacking Christ's lineage (little words matter!)

“And when the days of **their*** **purification** were fulfilled, according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem, to present to the Lord” (Luke 2:22, YLT)

* The use of “their” implies either Joseph, Jesus or both were involved also. Neither could be possible since Joseph was not the father of Jesus, and Jesus did not need purifying, and **the law of Moses stated purifying was only for the woman.**

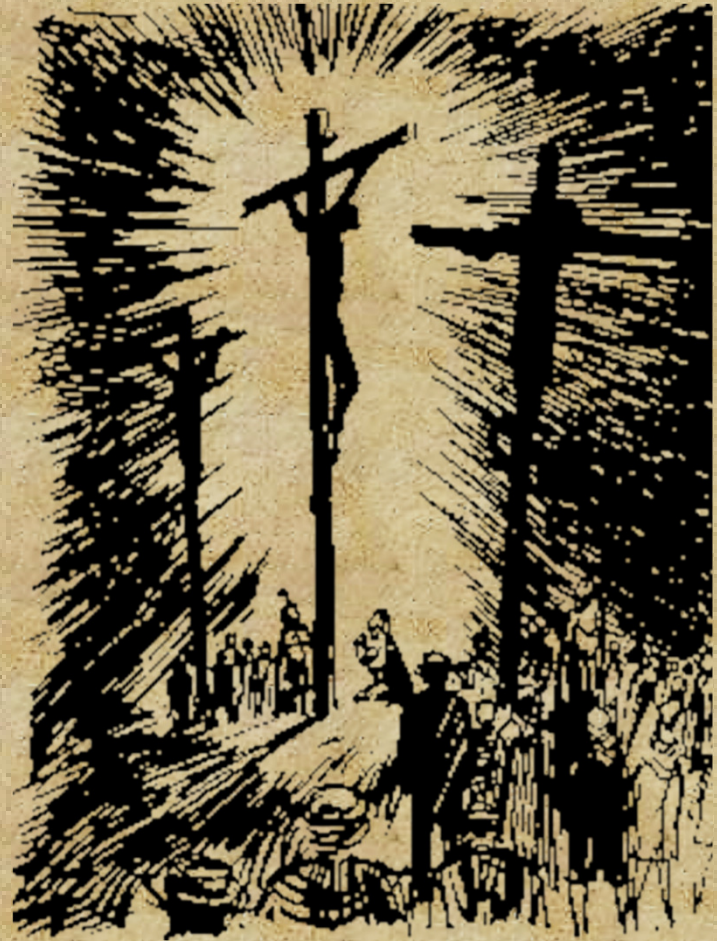
Attacking the nature of Christ's incarnation

“But made himself **of no reputation**, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men”

(Philippians 2:7, KJB)

“he was despised, and we esteemed him not”

(Isaiah 53:3b)



Attacking the nature of Christ's incarnation

“[B]ut made himself **nothing**, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.” (Philippians 2:7, NIV)

But Jesus was the Lamb of God (see John 1:36) and that's not 'nothing'! According to the Oxford English Dictionary, 'nothing' = 'no thing' or 'not anything'.

The NIV is stating pure fantasy!

Attacking Christ's work

“Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of **first fruits of his creatures**”

(James 1:18, KJB)

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is **a new creature**” (2 Corinthians 5:17a, KJB)

“For by him [Jesus] were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth” (Colossians 1:16a)



Attacking Christ's work

“He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.” (James 1:18, NIV)

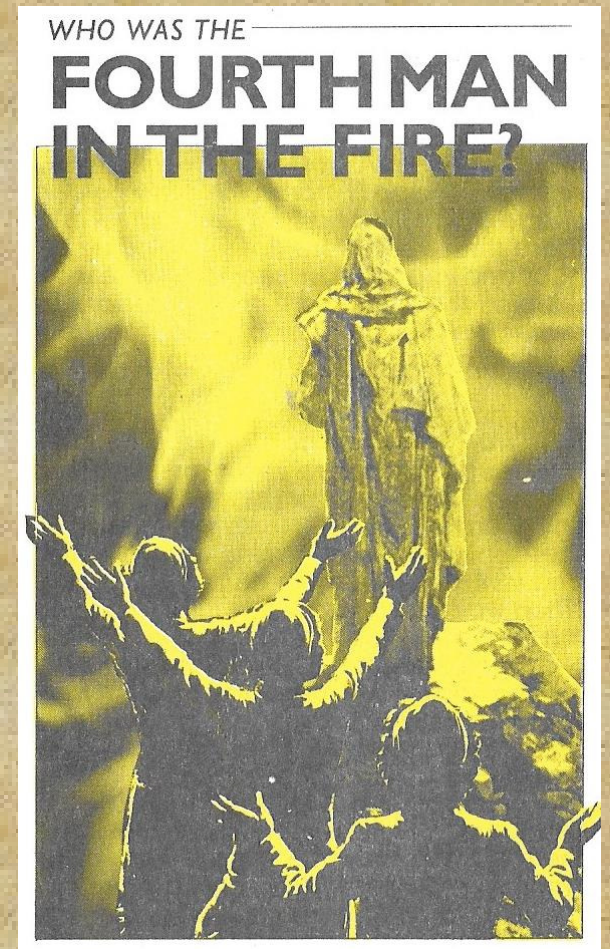
“For by him [Jesus] all things were created: things in heaven and on earth” (Colossians 1:16a, NIV)

The NIV contradicts itself by changing James 1:18.

Attacking Christ's existence before His birth

“He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like **the Son of God***.” (Daniel 3:25, KJB)

* King Nebuchanezzar had received this by a revelation from God after having tried to put to death Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego (see verse 23).



Attacking Christ's existence before His birth

The modern versions destroy the revelation about Christ given to King Nebuchadnezzar.

“He said, ‘Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like **a son of the gods.**’ ” (Daniel 3:25, NIV)

“He answered and hath said, ‘Lo, I am seeing four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the appearance of the fourth [is] like to **a son of the gods.**’ ” (Daniel 3:25, YLT)

Attacking the deity of Christ

“And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:
God was manifest in the flesh” (1 Timothy 3:16a, KJB)



Attacking the deity of Christ

“Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great: **He appeared in a body**” (1 Timothy 3:16a, NIV)

But every human being appeared in a body on the Earth!

What is so mysterious about that? **The NIV completely undermines the deity of Christ here.**

Distorting Christ's words to make Him a liar

“But I say unto you, That whosoever is **angry** with his brother **without a cause** shall be in danger of the judgment” (Matthew 5:22a, KJB)

“And when he had looked round about on them **with anger**, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other.” (Mark 3:5, KJB)

“Be ye angry and sin not” (Ephesians 4:26a, KJB)

Distorting Christ's words to make Him a liar

“But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment.” (Matthew 5:22a, NIV)

“In your anger do not sin” (Ephesians 4:26a, NIV)

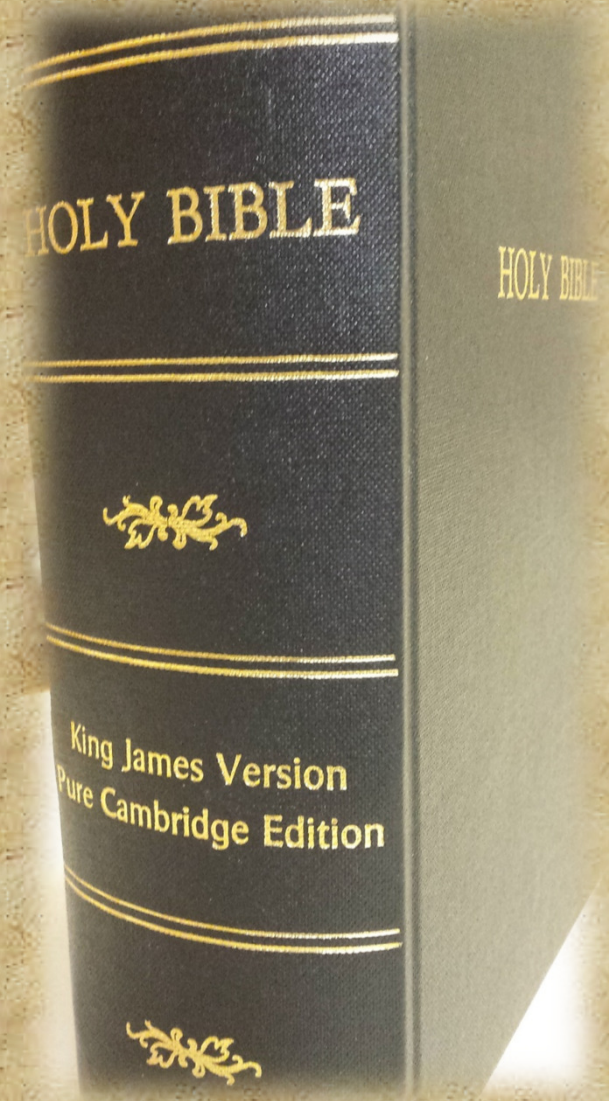
The NIV contradicts itself, and makes Jesus to be a liar in Matthew 5:22a, and a sinner when He was angry in Mark 3:5.

The washing of God's words

“Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word”.

(Ephesians 5:25b,26)

Christ's love for the Church is connected to His cleansing Word, pure and without filth.



Do you love the Word of God?

“I rejoice at thy word, as
one that findeth great
spoil” (Psalm 119:162)



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