**BIBLE FACTS**

Where did the name “Bible” come from? The Latin word “biblia” which means “books”

Written by about 40 / 1 authors over a period of about 1,000 years.

Written in: Babylon (modern-day Iraq), Palestine (modern-day Israel), and The Roman Empire (modern-day Europe).

**BOOKS OF THE BIBLE**

Catholic Bibles = 46 OT books + 27 NT books = 73 books total

Protestant Bibles = 39 OT books + 27 NT books = 66 books total

Martin Luther (and other Protestant Reformers) took out 7 books of the Bible in the 1500s.

This group of books is commonly called the “Deuterocanonicals” (Catholic term) books and/or the “Apocrypha” (Protestant and non-Christian term).

**IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER**

**A.** Every book of the Bible is at least slightly ______ different _______.

Some books/verses should be read ______ literally _______ (word-for-word)

while others are meant to be read ______ metaphorically / figuratively _______ (symbolically).

**B.** The main goal of the Bible is to teach ______ truth _______ about _______ God ______, NOT _______ science _______.

**BIBLE-RELATED QUOTES**

1. “The Bible is a ______ love ______ letter _______ from God to you with your name on it.” - Peter Kreeft

2. “You can sum up the Bible in 2 words: ______ come _______ closer _______.” - John Eldridge

3. “The Bible should come with a ______ warning _______ label _______." - Peter Kreeft

4. “A well-used Bible that is ______ falling _______ apart _______ usually belongs to a person who ______ isn’t _______."

5. “Become familiar with the Bible so that it can be your ______ compass _______ pointing out the ______ road _______ to follow.” - Pope Benedict XVI
3 Main Reasons Why Some Books Were Rejected:

1. The books were written too many years after the time of Jesus and His apostles.

2. The first Christians never allowed these books to be read at Masses.

3. People knew the books contained some heretical (false) teachings about Jesus.