

## Archaeology and the Bible

### Lesson 3 – Is the Text of the Bible Reliable?

- I. Scrolls and Codices
  
- II. Key Codices for the New Testament Text:
  - a. Vaticanus ~325 AD
  - b. Sinaiticus ~350 AD
  - c. Alexandrinus early 400's AD
  - d. Ephraemi Rescriptus early 400's AD
  
- III. Bodmer Papyri
  
- IV. Chester Beatty Papyri
  
- V. Oxyrhynchus Papyri
  
- VI. Rylands Papyrus

#### For Further Discussion:

1. Why is it important to Christians that the New Testament accurately reflect what Jesus said and did?
2. Having so many copies and portions of the NT gives rise to criticism of minor differences. Would having one copy be more reliable? Would it get criticized less?

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