

REVIEW QUESTIONS

The Biblical Text

Lesson 32

5/9/21

Take some time to think through the things we talked about in our last lesson and review your notes. Then briefly answer the review questions below.

1. What did the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls reveal to us about the text of the Masoretic Text of the Old Testament?
2. Why is the telephone game not analogous to how we got our present New Testament?
3. How did the early church ensure the accurate preservation of the history and teachings of Jesus?
4. How does the manuscript evidence for the text of the New Testament compare to that for other ancient texts?
5. What do we mean when we refer to the “tenacity” of the text? Why is this tenacity important?
6. Why are the vast majority of variant readings in the manuscripts of the New Testament insignificant?
7. Why was it nearly impossible to tamper with or suppress the New Testament or individual parts of the New Testament.
8. What is the significance of the practice of ancient authors to retain copies of their writings?
9. What is textual criticism?
10. What was the most helpful thing you learned in this lesson, or was perhaps particularly new or interesting to you?