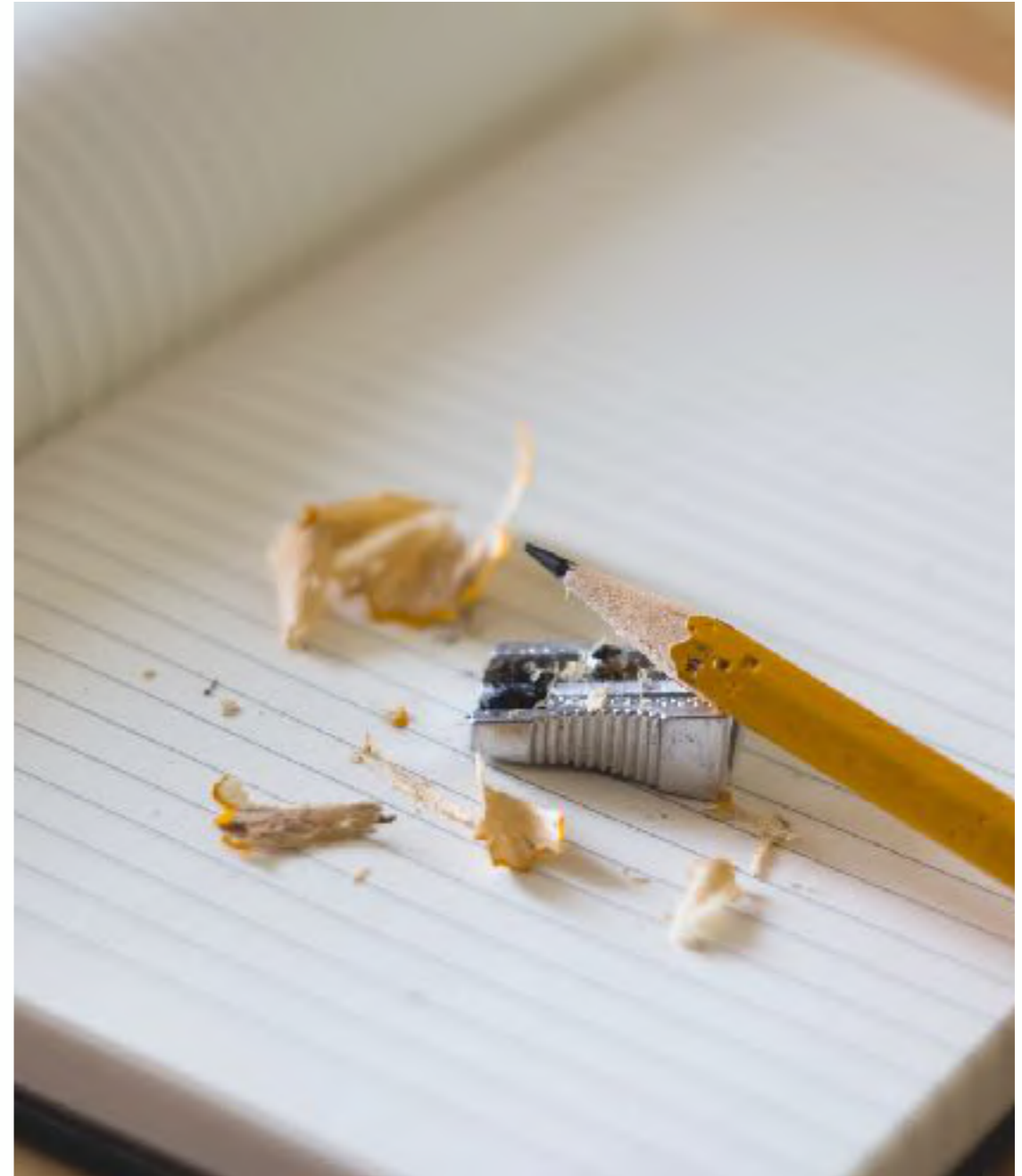




Investigating the Gospels

Test Your Witnesses

1. Were they present?
2. Have they been honest and accurate?
3. Can they be verified?
4. Do they have an ulterior motive?



“The word god is for me nothing more than the expression and product of human weaknesses, the Bible is a collection of honourable, but still primitive legends which are nevertheless pretty childish. No interpretation no matter how subtle can (for me) change this.”

-Albert Einstein

“Is there an intelligent man or woman now in the world who believes in the Garden of Eden story? If there is strike here (tapping his forehead) and you will hear an echo. Something is for rent.”

-Robert Green Ingersoll

“I think that the people who think God wrote a book called the Bible are just childish.”

-Bill Maher

Exposing False Testimony



Hang on Every Word



Words in the Gospels

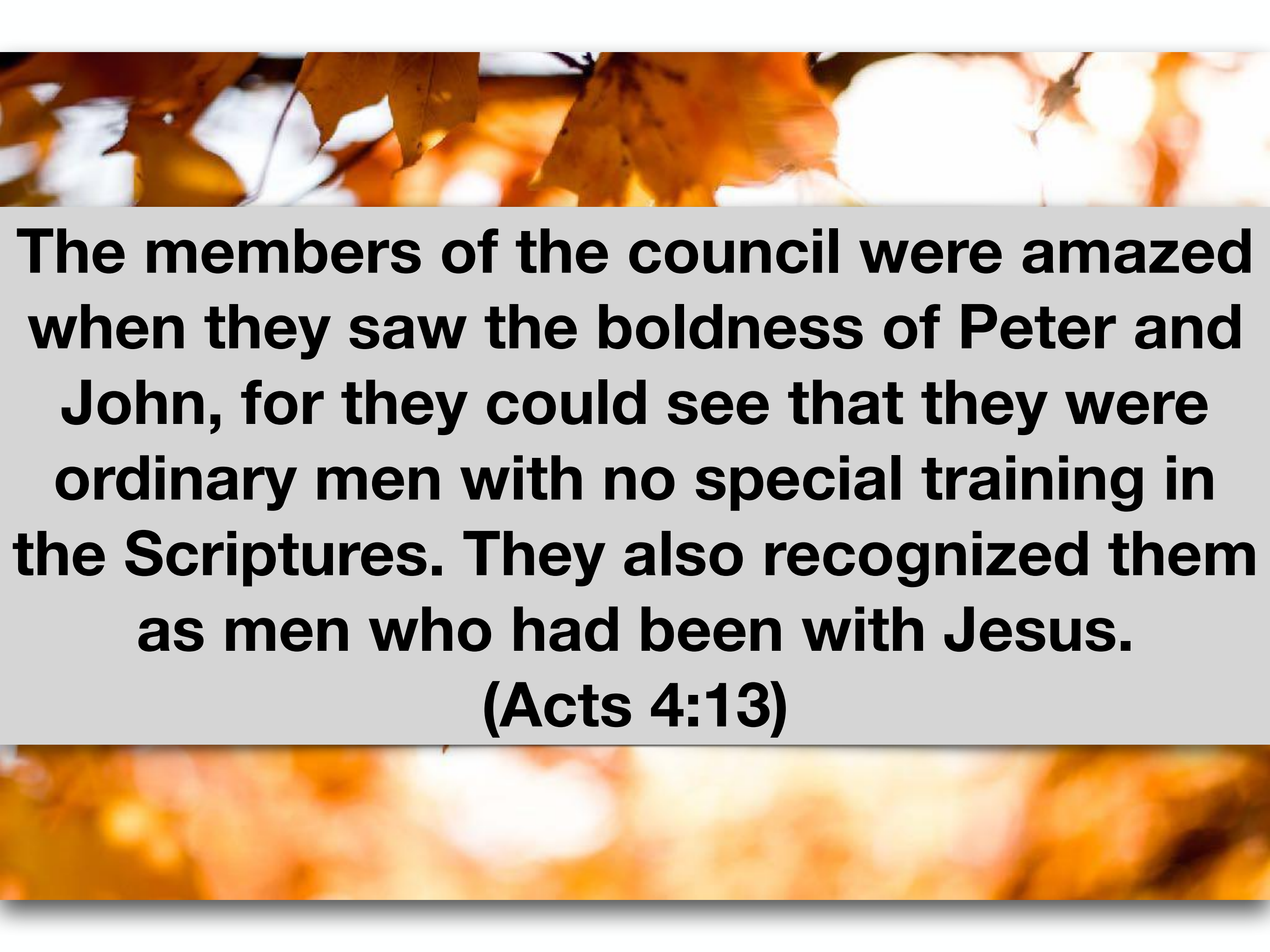
- John - never calls Mary (the mother of Jesus) by her name
- Mark - Does it read like the testimony of the apostle Peter?



The stories of the Gospels

- Are not like the game of telephone
- No evidence that they are anonymous
- The writers were not illiterate





The members of the council were amazed when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, for they could see that they were ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures. They also recognized them as men who had been with Jesus.

(Acts 4:13)

Test # 2 - Were They Corroborated?



**The Gospel
Writers
Provided
Support for
Each Other
Unintentionally**



The Calling of the Disciples



The Striking of Jesus



The Feeding of the Five Thousand



The Gospel Writers Referenced Names Correctly



Palestine

Bible

**Simon &
Joseph**

15.6%

18.2%

**Mary &
Salome**

28.6%

38.9%

Other Eyewitnesses



The Gospels are Biographies



