



# RELIABILITY OF THE BIBLE

## LESSON 2: Keeping Up With The Inconsistencies

**ANCHOR STATEMENT:** The Bible is the Word of God, and it is without error. When we study inconsistencies and apparent contradictions, we see that the truth of Scripture for our lives is not tarnished but enhanced.

### **MAIN PASSAGE: Matthew 27:54**

*When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!"*

### **Luke 23:47**

*The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, "Surely this was a righteous man."*

**WHAT WE WANT STUDENTS TO KNOW:** That inconsistencies and apparent contradictions in Scripture are nothing to be threatened by. These questions can often bring us closer to God by inspiring us to look deeper into Scripture as we trust the inerrancy of God's Word.

**WHAT WE WANT STUDENTS TO DO WITH WHAT THEY'VE LEARNED:** Understand and enjoy God's Word for themselves while comfortably examining the apparent contradictions. Understand how a careful study of the Bible reveals its complexity and how variations help contribute to a fuller understanding of God's Word.