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Only God could have put the Bible together. It is 66 books written over 1,600 years by 40 different authors - and it has one theme.

It is one of the reasons we know that the Bible is God's Word: It has a single unified theme. From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible is all about God redeeming man. Jesus is its star.

The fact that the Bible has only one theme is nothing short of a miracle. It'd be one thing if one person wrote the Bible. The Koran was written by one person, Mohammed. The Analects of Confucius were written by Confucius. The writings of Buddha were written by Buddha. You'd expect them to be uniform.

The Bible, on the other hand, was written by 40 people, in every age and stage of life and on three continents. And they all wrote the same story - Jesus' story. Prophets and poets, princes and kings, sailors and soldiers all had the same story. Some were written in homes, others in prisons, and others on ships. You couldn't have put together a more diverse group of authors.

Yet the story is the same.

Imagine I gave 50 people a piece of paper and I told those 50 people to tear their pieces of paper into different shapes - but I never tell them how I'm going to use them. What's the likelihood I'd be able to take those pieces of paper and make a map of the United States out of them? Those odds would be astronomically low. If I did that, most people would think it was a trick.

That's the miracle of how the Bible was put together.

We tend to think that the New Testament is about Jesus and the Old Testament is about Israel. But that's not true. The Bible says in Luke 24:27, “Beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, [Jesus] explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself” (NIV). The New Testament wasn't even written then.

The pictures, metaphors, analogies, and illusions - from beginning to end - are about God's plan to redeem people and build a family for eternity. It all began with him. You can see him in every book.

That's a miracle.