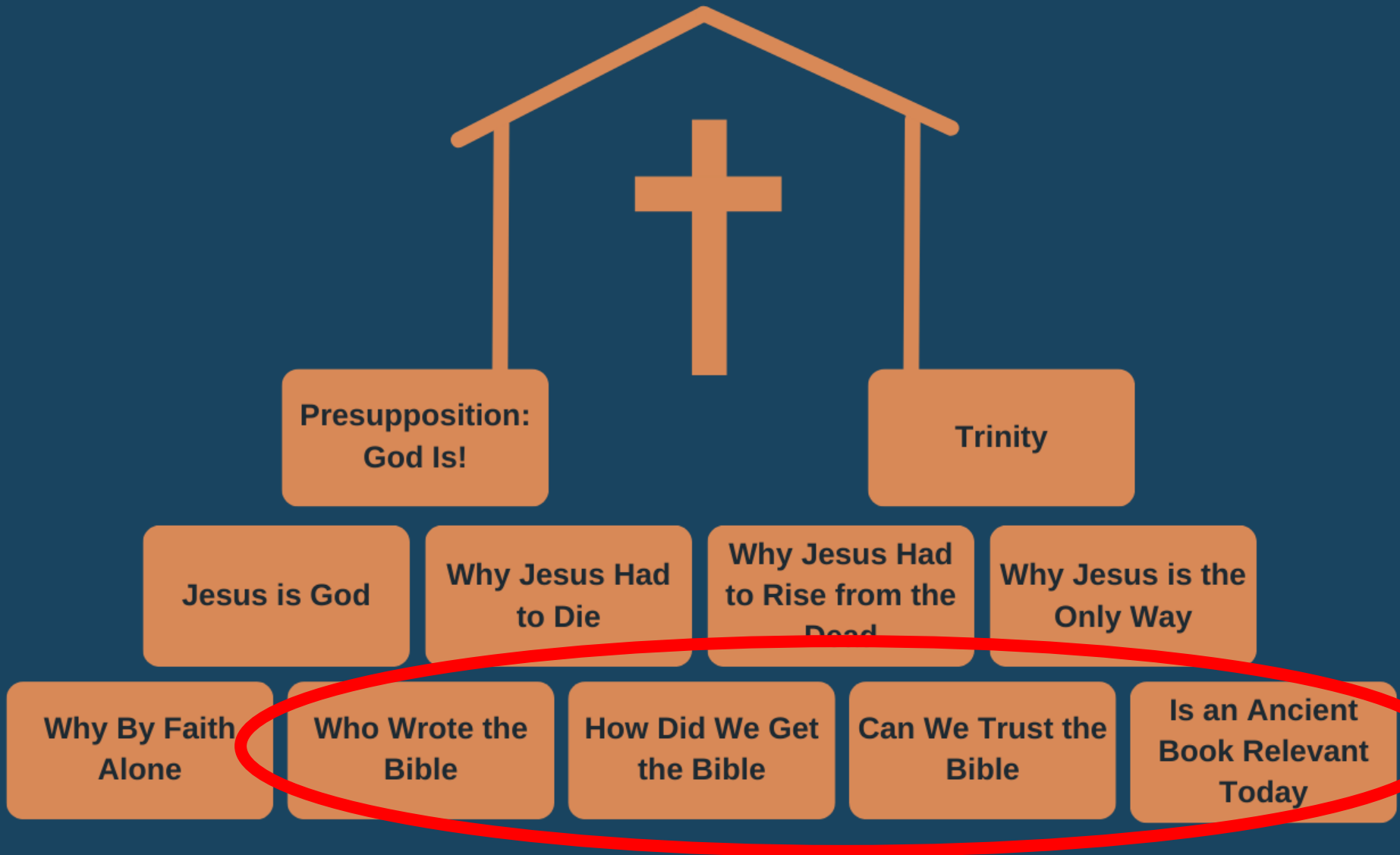


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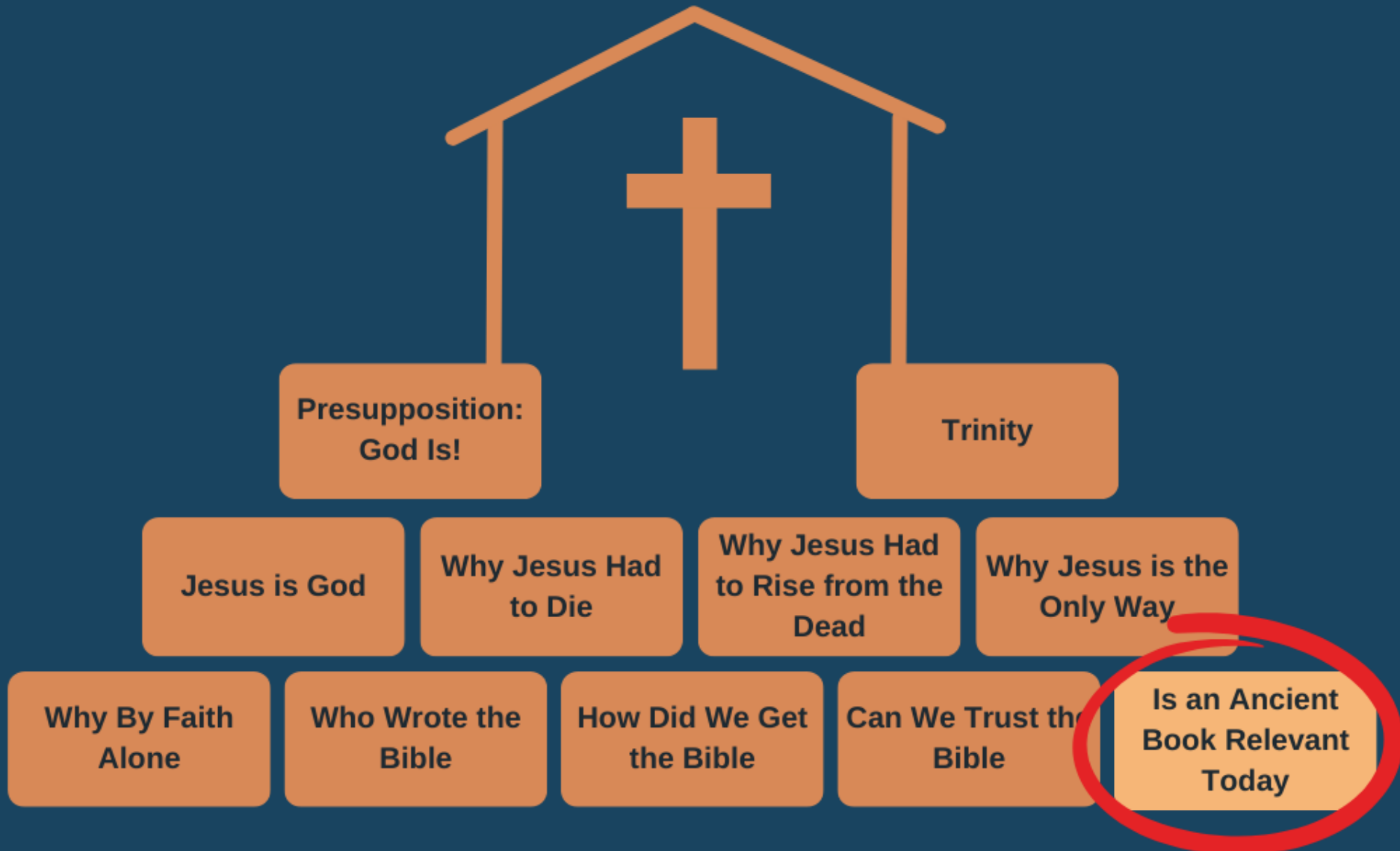


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Summary of our Faith

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Psalm 119

A Lamp

A Light

Honey



Jeremiah 23:29

Fire

A Hammer



Luke 8:11

A Seed



Hebrews 4:12;

Rev. 1:16 and 19:15

A Two-Edged Sword



James 1:22-23

A Mirror



Inspired - even when using human authors, ultimately authored by God Himself; the very word of God

Inerrant - without error or mistakes in the original documents; completely true

Infallible - incapable of error; completely reliable and trustworthy and will never not be so

Authoritative - the inherent right and power to speak as the very word of God



Psalms 119:111 - *Your testimonies are my heritage forever, for they are the joy of my heart.*

Psalms 119:89 - *Forever, O Lord, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.*

Isaiah 40:8 - *The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.*

Matthew 24:35 - *Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.*



John 10:35 - *...Scripture cannot be broken...*

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When tempted (Matthew 4), Jesus quoted Deuteronomy 8 and 6.

When criticized (Matthew 9), Jesus quoted Hosea 6.

When challenged (Mark 10), Jesus quoted Genesis 3.

When questioned (Mark 12), Jesus quoted Deuteronomy 6.

When confronting (Matthew 15), Jesus quoted Isaiah 29.

When expressing righteous anger (Luke 19), Jesus quoted Isaiah 56.

When comforting (John 15), Jesus quoted Psalm 35 and 69.

When taking His final breath (Luke 23), Jesus quoted Psalm 31.



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2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. (ESV)



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All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. (NLT)



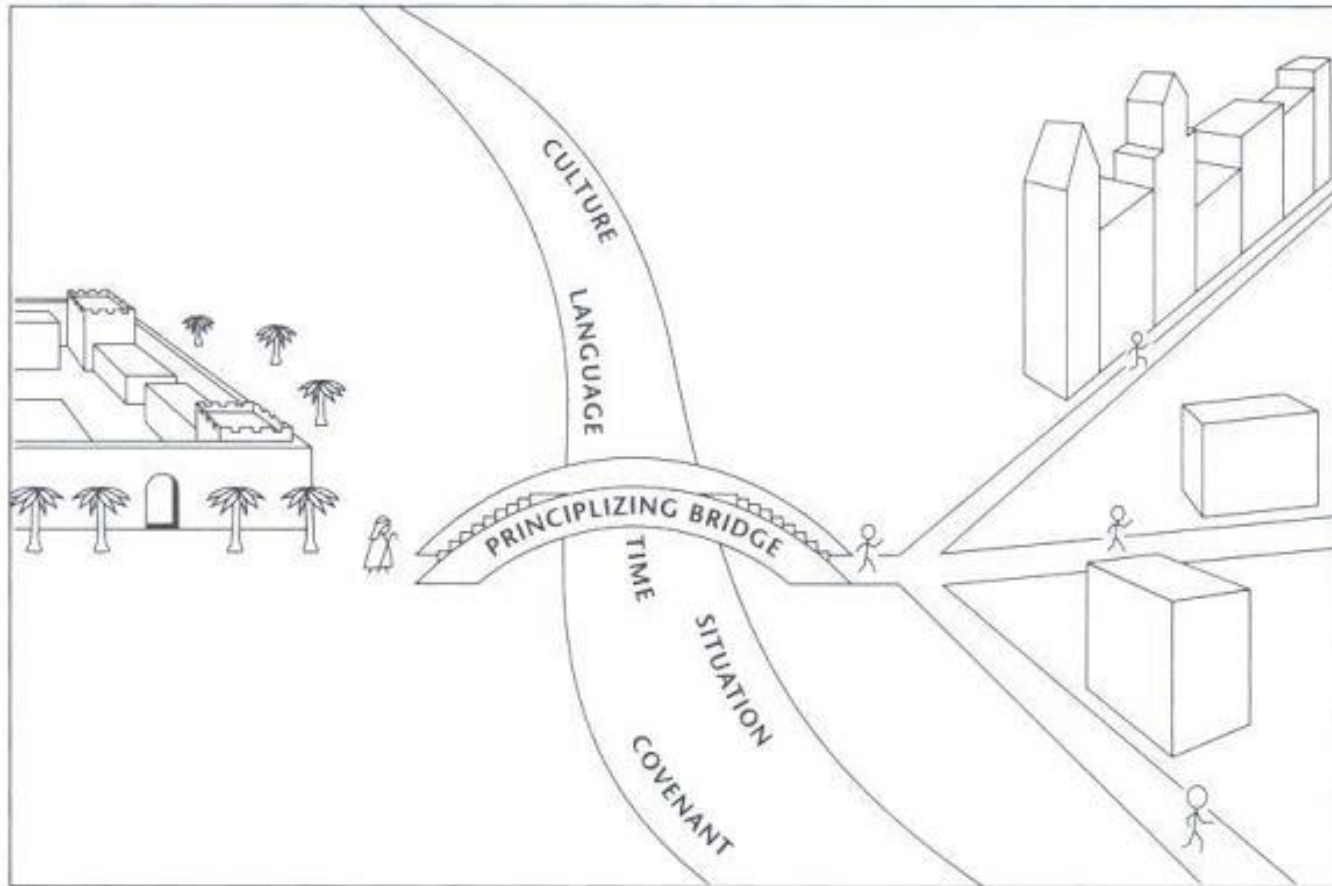
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Descriptive VS Prescriptive





Grasping God's Word: A Hands-On Approach to Reading, Interpreting, and Applying the Bible, by J. Scott Duvall (Author), J. Daniel Hays

Psalm 119:104

Through your precepts I get
understanding; therefore I
hate every false way. (ESV)



“For belief, we have a true, unchanging super food; Scripture. God’s Word is a revelation of him, and to consume it is to fill yourself with what he wants you to know of him. Those of us who grew up in the church have been told all our lives - sometimes so often that it can become burdensome and like homework - to ‘read your Bible everyday.’ That’s why it’s important to realize that we don’t merely read our Bibles, we consume them. **God’s Word is sustenance to our souls, not merely suggestions or lessons or words of instruction. We need it to live. If we fill our souls with other things, it’s similar to living on a diet of cotton candy. It might taste delicious at first, but after a while we get tired of it and feel ill. If it were all we ate, we would waste away because it has no nutritional value. Scripture is the nutrition our souls need, a regular multicourse dinner of it.”**





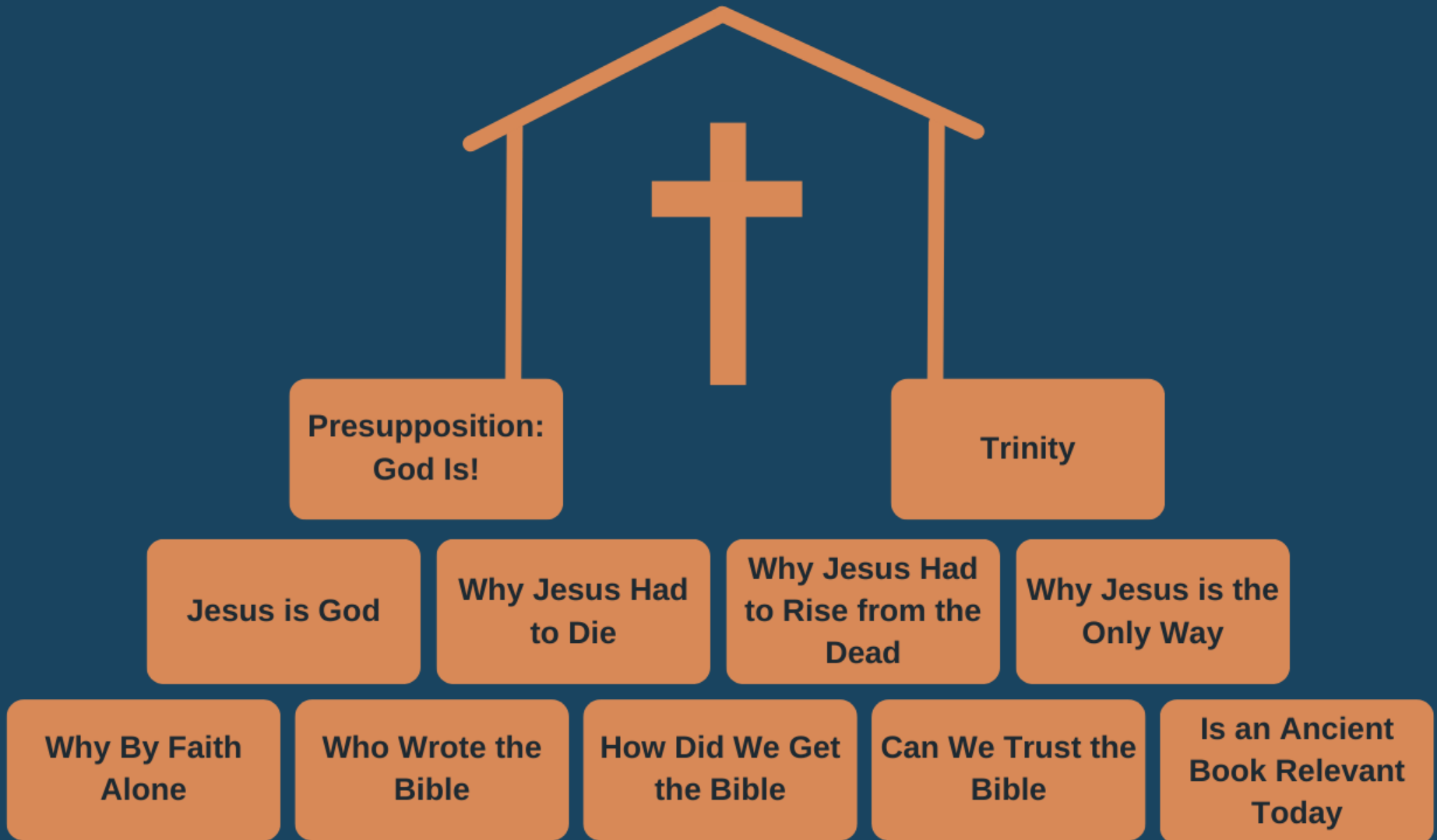
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“People’s souls don’t work like a court of law where a preponderance of evidence can sway a jury. A good closing argument in a discussion about the character of God will not win the day.”

Barnabas Piper, [Help My Unbelief](#), pg. 115

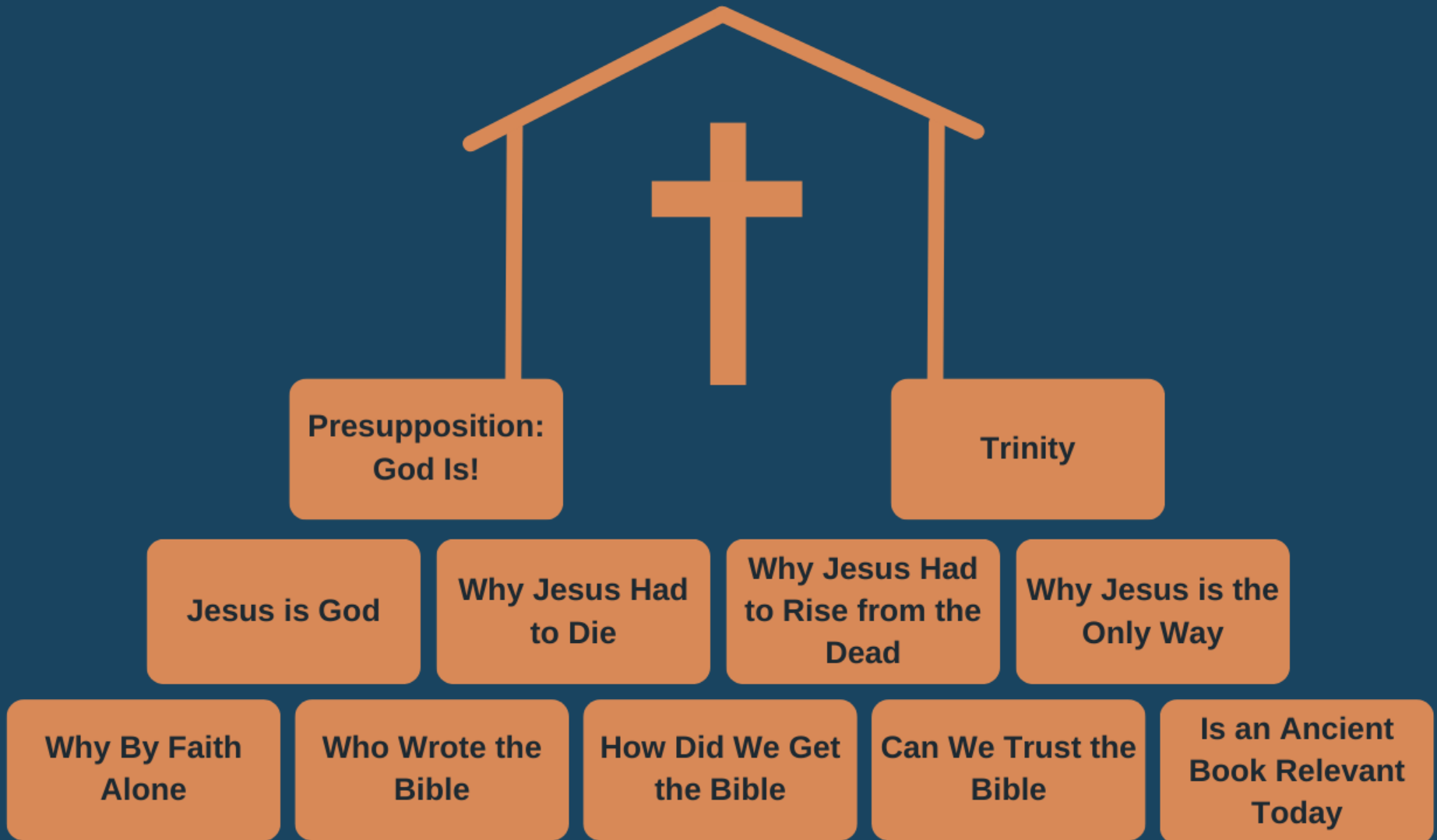


Mark 9:24

Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” (ESV)



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