

# **Why Trust Storytelling? Bridging the Gap from Event to Gospel**

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## **I. The Context of the First Century Church**

## **II. Two Challenges to the Reliability of the Gospel Stories**

A. Orality is unreliable (Bart Ehman)

B. Memory is unreliable (John Dominic Crossan)

## **III. Why Trust Storytelling?**

A. Three Types of Ancient Orality

1. Informal & Uncontrolled

2. Formal & Controlled

3. Informal & Controlled

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B. The Church's role in the Informal & Controlled model

C. Paul's Conversion reflects the Informal & Controlled model (Acts 9, 22, & 26)

#### **IV. Why Trust Memories?**

A. Individual memories

B. Corporate memories

#### **V. The Core Message of the Gospels**

A. Paul's writings

B. Paul's conversion