

the Bible would certainly not take away its teaching of the Trinity. The Trinity is very clearly taught in many other passages. Thus our Lord Jesus Christ said that "I and the Father are one; He that hath seen me hath seen the Father," and gave many other statements which showed His unity with the Father. It is easy to prove the Trinity from the New Testament without the necessity of relying upon this one verse even though this verse does have about as clear a statement of it as can be found anywhere.

The new finds of parchments by the Dead Sea do not deal with the New Testament except very indirectly. They contain a good many copies of various sections of the Old Testament and also writings by an unusual Jewish sect.

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## **THE OLD TESTAMENT APOCRYPHA**

In the early days of the Christian church certain books in Greek that had been written by Jews were widely read. The early Christians enjoyed these books, because they upheld a fairly high standard of ethics and recognized the existence of the one true God, thus being on a much higher level than the rest of the available literature, most of which was pagan and immoral. They recognized, however, that these books, though rather good, were not inspired. Before the first copies of the Greek Bible were made, most of the books in both Testaments were written separately on small scrolls. When putting them together into a large book it was easy to get some of these other books mixed in with them, particularly since some of the Christians liked these books very much. However, in the early centuries various leaders in the Christian church clearly described the books that they considered to be inspired and therefore canonical, and did not include these