Jesus and the Word of God

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INTRODUCTION

- All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be adequate.
- I want to begin by asking you about the Bible. I want to know how do you view the Bible?
- If we are truly gonna live lives where we are confident that living according to the Bible is the best way to live, then we first have to be confident that the Bible comes from God.

1 Jesus Believed the Bible Is Inspired by God

Matthew 15:1–6; John 16:12–15

- Jesus believed that the Bible is in fact inspired by God.
- Why do you yourselves transgress the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition?
- In verse number three, he calls it the commandment of God. And in verse number six, he calls it the word of God.
- We must always believe and stand firm on the fact that all of the Bible, all the Old Testament and all the New Testament, it comes from God.

2 The Scriptures Are Worthy of Study

Matthew 22:31–32; Exodus 3:6; Matthew 19:3–6

- He believed the scriptures are worthy of study. They're worthy to be read, analyzed, discussed, correctly interpreted, even debated.
- Have you not read what was spoken to you by God? I am the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.
- They would not have had an erroneous view of the resurrection if they had been more careful and diligent students of the scriptures.
- Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female?
- So many people they don't know the Bible, they're biblically illiterate, and it's because they're not reading the Bible and studying the Bible, but let that never describe me and you.

3 The Scriptures Are Useful

Matthew 4; Luke 7:21–23; Ephesians 4:15

- Jesus overcame the devil in his assault by using the scriptures.
- Jesus also used the scriptures to correct religious error that was being promoted.
- We find Jesus even using scripture to confirm his identity.
- Whenever we hear religious error being promoted, do we freeze up and just keep our mouths shut? Or like Jesus, do we use the scriptures to defend the truth?

4 The Scriptures Are Historically Accurate

Matthew 19

- Jesus also endorsed the fact that they are historically accurate.
- You never find him mocking the stories you read about in the Old Testament.
- Over and over again, he says that these stories are real. They are historical, they are events that really happened.
- If the resurrection really happened, if it is a historical fact, then everything else in the Bible has to be true, no matter how incredible as it may seem.
- Because he was raised from the dead, we can trust in the historicity of the Old Testament.

5 They Have Authority: Necessary to Obey

Matthew 23:23–24; John 8:55; John 14:15

- Jesus believed they are necessary to obey.
- Jesus' problem with the Pharisees wasn't that they were too careful in obeying the word of God.
- But I do know him, and I keep his word.
- If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
- The will of God, the will of the Father is found in one place and one place alone, and that's the Bible.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **How are you viewing the scriptures? Right now, are you reviewing it as Jesus did? Are you respecting it? Are you believing them? Trusting them, teaching them, obeying them.**

MY NOTES