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**The Scriptures and The Truth**

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## **The Scriptures and The Truth**

Throughout the Gospel, Scripture plays an important role in telling us about the One who is the way, the truth, and the life. All through the Gospels, as all through the Bible, Old and New Testaments, the Scriptures play a key role in revealing truth. This is especially true when it comes to teaching us about who Jesus is and what He came to do.

**Read John 5:38–40. What is Jesus saying here about the Scriptures?**

“And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom He hath sent, Him ye believe not. Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of Me. And ye will not come to Me, that ye might have life.”

John 5:38-40 KJV

Jesus and His disciples pointed to Scripture again and again to validate Him as the Messiah. Christ said, “ ‘If you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?’ ” (*John 5:46, 47, NKJV*).

**Read Luke 24:27. Why is it important that Jesus first pointed to the Scriptures in order to reveal the significance of His ministry?**

**“AND BEGINNING AT MOSES AND ALL THE PROPHETS, HE EXPOUNDED TO THEM IN ALL THE SCRIPTURES THE THINGS CONCERNING HIMSELF.”**

**LUKE 24:27 NKJV**

**“THEN HE SAID TO THEM, “THESE ARE THE WORDS WHICH I SPOKE TO YOU WHILE I WAS STILL WITH YOU, THAT ALL THINGS MUST BE FULFILLED WHICH WERE WRITTEN IN THE LAW OF MOSES AND THE PROPHETS AND THE PSALMS CONCERNING ME.” AND HE OPENED THEIR UNDERSTANDING, THAT THEY MIGHT COMPREHEND THE SCRIPTURES.” LUKE 24:44-45 NKJV**

**\*\*ISA 12:12-14**

In another place, while quoting from the book of Exodus, Christ said, “ ‘Have you not read what was spoken to you by God . . . ?’ ” (*Matt. 22:31, NKJV*).

THE WORD OF GOD- FROM GENESIS TO REVELATION WAS CHRISTS INSTRUCTION MANUAL BOTH FOR THIS LIFE AND THE LIFE TO COME. THE LAW OF MOSES, THE PROPHETS AND THE PSALMS. THIS IS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT FOUNDATIONAL DOCTRINE THAT WE HOLD. OUT OF THIS FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH COME ALL OTHER TRUTHS. LAW, SABBATH, STATE OF DEAD, HEALTH MESSAGE, SOP, PROPHECY YOU NAME IT.

APPARENTLY THE FOLLOWERS OF GOD IN CHRISTS DAY WERE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE WORD OF GOD. THINK ABOUT THAT FOR A MINUTE.

CHRIST SAID, HAVE YOU NOT READ WHAT WAS SPOKEN TO YOU BY GOD?

AND WHERE DO WE READ WHAT IS SPOKEN TO US BY GOD?

IN GODS WORD.

SO IN CHRISTS DAY THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS WERE NOT FAMILIAR WITH GODS WORD.

THEY WERE FAMILIAR WITH TRADITION. IN FACT THEY FOLLOWED THERE TRADITIONS AHEAD OF THE WORD OF GOD.

ADD TRADITION VERSES

DO WE DO THE SAME TODAY? HAVE WE READ WHAT WAS SPOKEN TO US BY GOD?

IF CHRIST SHOWED UP AT OUR LOCAL CHURCH TO WORSHIP WITH US ON THE SABBATH WOULD WE EVEN BE IN THE BUILDING? OR IS SATURDAY NOT THE DAY WE WORSHIP GOD IN CHURCH? IF NOT WHY NOT?

TRADITION RIGHT?

GODS WORD SAYS REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY TO KEEP (WHATEVER DAY YOU WANT TO KEEP AS LONG AS ITS ONE DAY OUT OF SEVEN). OH NO. GODS WORD SAYS TO KEEP IT HOLY. IT IS A SPECIFIC DAY THAT GOD HAS SANCTIFIED, BLESSED, THE SEVENTH DAY OF THE WEEK CLEARLY TAUGHT IN THE BIBLE. ANY OTHER DAY IS NOT ONLY EXE-BIBLE BUT ITS ALSO BASED ON TRADITION.

WE KEEP THE BIBLE SABBATH OR WE FOLLOW TRADITION. IF WE KEEP ANOTHER DAY OTHER THAN THE SEVENTH DAY SABBATH WE VENERATE TRADITION ABOVE THE BIBLE. AND SOME PEOPLE ARE GOOD DOING THAT. SOME FOLKS ACTUALLY BELIEVE THAT ITS OKAY TO PUT TRADITION AHEAD OF GODS WORD, GODS LAW, GODS COMMANDMENTS.

WHAT DOES JESUS SAY. WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY:  
IN VAIN, (IN WHAT?) IN VAIN YOU DO WORSHIP ME TEACHING FOR DOCTRINES THE COMMANDMENTS OF MEN.

JOHN 13:34-14:1-3 - EVEN OUR CHAPTER DIVISIONS CAN IMPEDE THE POWER OF THE WORD OF GOD!

Zacharias referred to the promises of God that “He [God] spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets, who have been since the world began” (*Luke 1:70, NKJV*). In his sermon on the day of Pentecost, Peter said, “ ‘This Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David’ ” (*Acts 1:16, NKJV*).

The Bible is not a textbook on science. It does not explain how to split the atom or perform brain surgery. But it does something even more significant. It provides the context within which our universe has meaning. It is the key that opens the door, the light that makes it possible to see. Without it, we would be in the dark about the existence of God, His role in the universe, our own origin, the meaning of life, and the future.

**What are some truths taught in the Bible that science, even in theory, can never teach us?**  
SE-4Q-2024, *Themes in the Gospel of John*, by E. Zinke & T. Shepherd