

THE INSPIRATION OF SCRIPTURE

How Jesus Viewed Scripture

Week 3



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MATTHEW 4:1-11

Scripture as His Weapon Against Temptation



“Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil... And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”

Matthew 4:1-4, KJV

JESUS VIEWED SCRIPTURE AS:

- More authoritative than His own desires
- More reliable than His own power
- The final arbiter of truth and conduct

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MATTHEW 4:7

Jesus Corrects Scripture Misuse with Scripture



“Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.”

Matthew 4:7, KJV — the devil quoted Psalm 91:11-12

JESUS VIEWED SCRIPTURE AS:

- Internally coherent and consistent
- Capable of being misused
- The corrective for false interpretation
- Self-interpreting — Scripture interprets Scripture

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MATTHEW 4:10

Jesus Submits Absolutely to Scripture



“Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.”

Matthew 4:10, KJV

JESUS VIEWED SCRIPTURE AS:

- Absolutely binding
- Non-negotiable
- More important than comfort or power
- The final word on conduct and obedience

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MATTHEW 5:17-18

Jesus Affirms the Permanence of Scripture



“Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.”

Matthew 5:17-18, KJV

JESUS VIEWED SCRIPTURE AS:

- Indestructible
- Permanently binding
- Verbally precise — the very words matter
- Trustworthy down to the smallest detail

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MATTHEW 5:21-48

Jesus Interprets Scripture with Authority



“Ye have heard that it was said by them of old, Thou shalt not kill... But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment.”

Matthew 5:21-22, KJV

JESUS VIEWED SCRIPTURE AS:

- Having authoritative interpretation
- Pointing to internal transformation
- Revealing God’s character and will
- Demanding more than external compliance

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JOHN 5:39-40

Jesus Says Scripture Testifies About Him



“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 5:39-40, KJV

JESUS VIEWED SCRIPTURE AS:

- Pointing to His person
- Revealing His work
- The means to eternal life through faith in Him
- Ultimately about redemption through Him

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JOHN 10:34-35

Jesus Affirms Scripture's Inviolability



“Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken.”

John 10:34-35, KJV — quoting Psalm 82:6

JESUS VIEWED SCRIPTURE AS:

- Inviolable — it cannot be broken
- Absolutely reliable
- Able to bear the weight of theological argument
- Significant in every word

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LUKE 24:27

Jesus Shows That All Scripture Points to Him



“And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.”

Luke 24:27, KJV

JESUS VIEWED SCRIPTURE AS:

- Unified and coherent
- Entirely pointing to His person
- A single story with one ultimate meaning
- Revealing God’s redemptive plan

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LUKE 24:44-45

Jesus Says Scripture Must Be Fulfilled



“All things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures.”

Luke 24:44-45, KJV

JESUS VIEWED SCRIPTURE AS:

- Predictive and binding
- Requiring divine illumination to understand
- Revealing God’s redemptive plan
- Ultimately about His person and work

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SYNTHESIS

What Jesus's View of Scripture Means

1. Absolutely authoritative

Jesus submitted to it and wielded it against temptation.

3. Internally consistent

Scripture interprets Scripture; one passage clarifies another.

5. Christocentric

All of it points to Jesus and to redemption through Him.

7. Illuminated

It is understood as the Spirit opens our understanding.

2. Verbally precise

Every word matters; the jots and tittles are preserved.

4. Inviolable

It cannot be broken, set aside, or contradicted.

6. Unified

One narrative with one ultimate meaning, not scattered stories.

8. Sufficient

It holds all that is needful for life and godliness.

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FOR DISCUSSION

Questions for Our Class

1.

Where do you reach first when you are tested — your own reasoning, your own strength, or the Word?

3.

Jesus said not one jot or tittle would pass away. Does the way you handle the text reflect that confidence?

5.

The leaders searched the Scriptures but missed Christ. Is your reading leading you to Him, or only to information?

2.

Jesus answered a misused Scripture with another Scripture. How well do you know the Bible well enough to do that?

4.

The Law reaches the heart, not just the hands. Where is anger or contempt hiding behind outward obedience?

6.

If Scripture cannot be broken, what unsettled area of your life is it calling you to settle this week?

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APPLICATION

Carrying This Into the Week

Read it as Jesus read it

Come to the text expecting the voice of God, not merely the words of men.

Let Scripture interpret Scripture

When a passage puzzles you, bring the whole counsel of God to bear on it.

Pray for opened understanding

He opened their understanding. Ask Him to open yours before you open the book.

Store it before the trial

Jesus met the wilderness with verses already in Him. Memorize what you will need before you need it.

Look for Christ on every page

From Moses to the prophets, ask what this text reveals about Him.

Obey what you already know

Submission, not curiosity, is the mark of a heart that honors the Word.