



Scripture and Revelation

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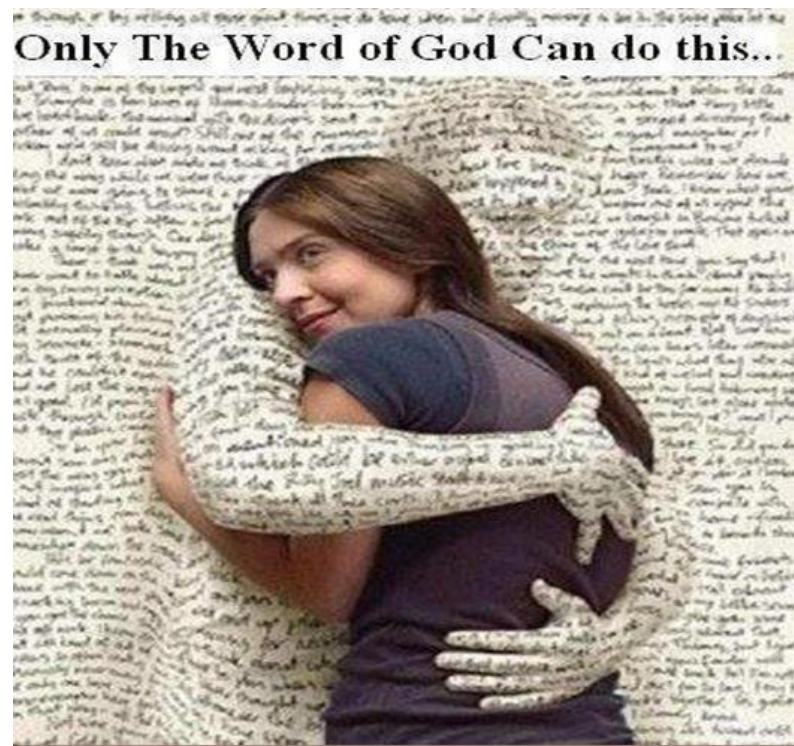
Revelation: God Takes the Initiative

- **John 1: 1-5**
- **Consider history** – God first revealed himself in creation, which reflects God's goodness.
- God has revealed himself more directly in **Scripture** (Hebrew & Christian), which communicates God's **love**.
- **Genesis – Revelation**: the Bible communicates God's thoughts and words to human beings – personally.

Revelation: God Takes the Initiative

- As Christians we receive Scripture as the gift of God's own Word
- We understand this – personally – through Jesus, “Logos”

We must always approach Scripture with faith...



...not just what we believe, but in Whom we believe.

Revelation: God Takes the Initiative

For Discussion: Why do you think God progressively revealed himself to humankind until he finally revealed himself fully in Jesus?

Q. How do children come to know and appreciate their parents...

...before they are verbal?

...when they begin to understand right and wrong?

...when they begin to become independent?

...when they are an adult?

Can a child ever completely know their parent?

Can we ever completely know God?

How does God choose to reveal God's self to us?

How does God do this most intimately?

WORD and SACRAMENT

What the Bible is not...

The Bible is NOT a textbook that we study from – as if we were learning world history, geography, etc.

It is a living book!!

For Discussion: Recall an occasion when a Scripture passage made you aware of God's presence. What helped you become aware of God speaking to you?

Just a few facts:

The Catholic Bible Contains 73 books

OT: 46 NT:27

The Bible was written:

- *Over a 1500 year span [1400 B.C. to A.D. 100]*
- *Over 40 generations*
- *Over 40 authors from many walks of life*
- *On three continents: Asia, Africa and Europe*
- *In three languages: Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek*

So... How do we find a Bible passage?

- Table of contents: Hebrew Scripture (Old Testament) & New Testament
- Book – chapter - verse
- Let's practice: John 3:16

It's Time For



How we read Scripture

*If the New Testament is the new Covenant...
why do we still read the Old Testament?*



(Does a tree only begin at ground level?)

How we read Scripture

Scripture is written in many different styles:

Poetry, Praise, Prayers, Parables, History...

In order to read scripture we need to know:

The Author

The Audience

The Time and Historical Environment

The type of Literature

WHY?

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How we read Scripture

We are **NOT**
literalists

*We believe the Holy Spirit inspired the
authors of sacred Scripture.*

Sacred Scripture teaches the truth.

For instance, see anything wrong here?

The Creation Story... um, Stories

Genesis Chapter One: The First Creation Story
The traditional seven day story

Genesis Chapter Two: The Second Creation Story
Begins with the Garden of Eden

Which is it?

Jesus Revealing the Nature of God

“Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.” John 14:9

“It’s all because of Jesus that we speak of God as we do.” N.T. Wright

Looking at my daughters, I see that we’ve left our mark on both. By being our children, they take on our characteristics.

This is exactly what Jesus does – reveal the nature of God – Who God is, and what God desires

Jesus is the FULLNESS of God’s Revelation!

For Reflection: *What is it about Jesus that makes God real to you?*

Tonight we covered the following:

1. What is Revelation?
2. Why the Bible is important – the Word of God is ALIVE!
3. Facts about the Bible, and the purpose of Hebrew Scripture & the New Testament
4. How to read the Bible
5. Jesus is the fullness of God's Revelation – and what that means for us

How'd we do? Questions?