



# *Scripture and Revelation*

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# The Bible: Part 1



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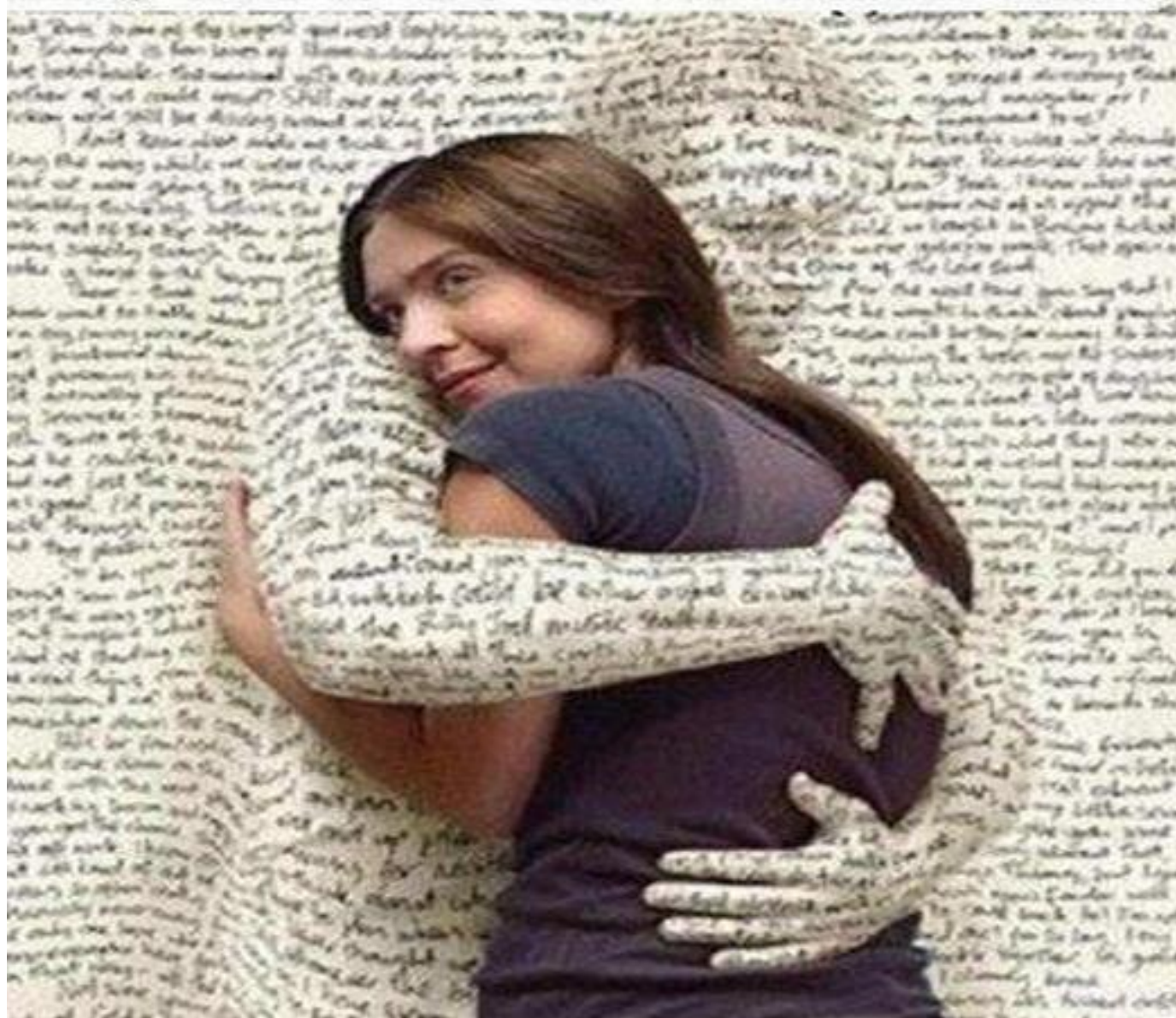
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# Revelation: God Takes the Initiative

Only The Word of God Can do this...



# Small Groups:

1. What about this video clip did you find most interesting, or grabbed your attention?
2. What do you think about the Christian belief that God's Word is alive? That God desires to communicate with us personally through the Bible?

# Just a few facts:

*The Catholic Bible Contains 73 books*

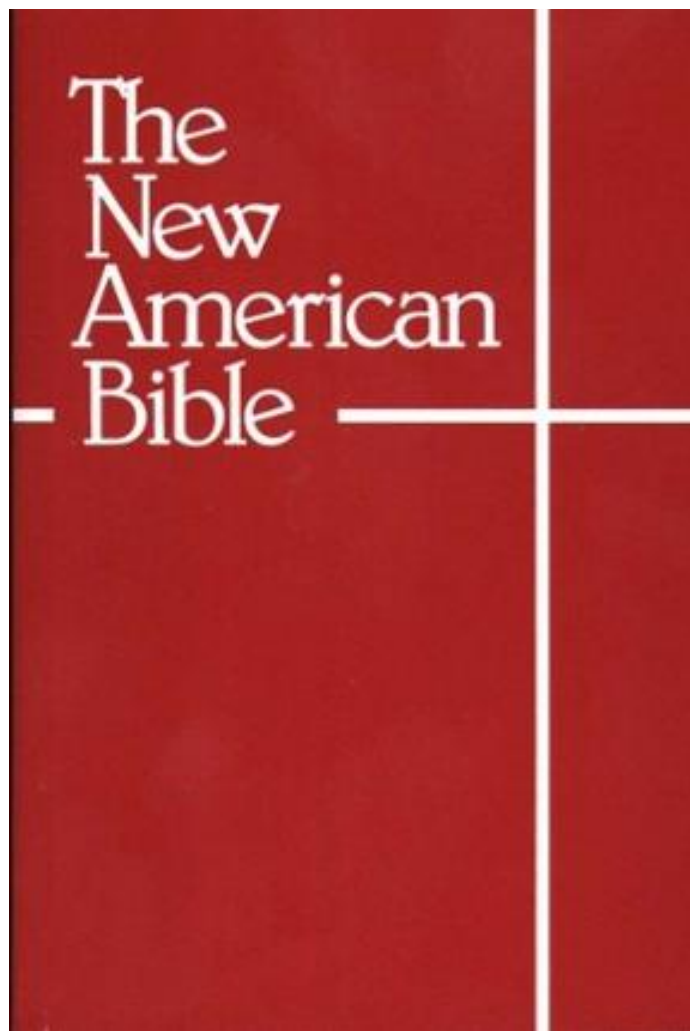
*OT: 46 NT:27*

*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*

# How do we find a Bible passage?

## Time to open your New American Bible



# How do we find a Bible passage?

- Table of contents: Hebrew Scripture (Old Testament) & New Testament
- Book – chapter & verse
- Let's practice: Genesis 1:1-3, John 3:16, Philippians 4:6, Jeremiah 29:11, Isaiah 41:10, Matthew 19:26



# The Bible: Part 2



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# It's Time For





IT'S ALL ABOUT  
RELATIONSHIPS

**GROUP CHALLENGE: HOW  
MANY CAN YOU NAME?**

# 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



# How we read Scripture

*Scripture is written in many different styles:*

*Poetry, Praise, Hymns, Prayers, Stories,  
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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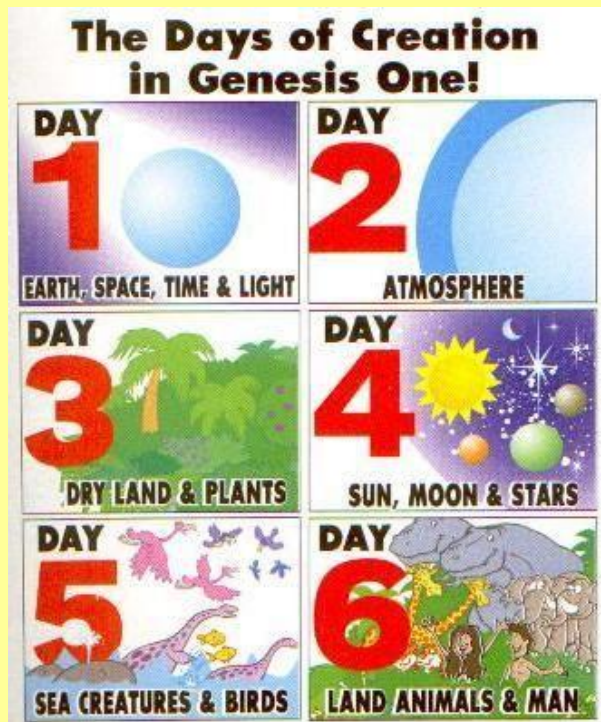
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## Group Activity

*Read and discuss the meaning of the Scripture passage assigned:*

**Genesis 1:1 – 2:3**  
(odd # groups)

**Genesis 2:15 – 24**  
(even # groups)



**Q. Do we take the Bible literally?**

**A. Not literally, but literarily.**

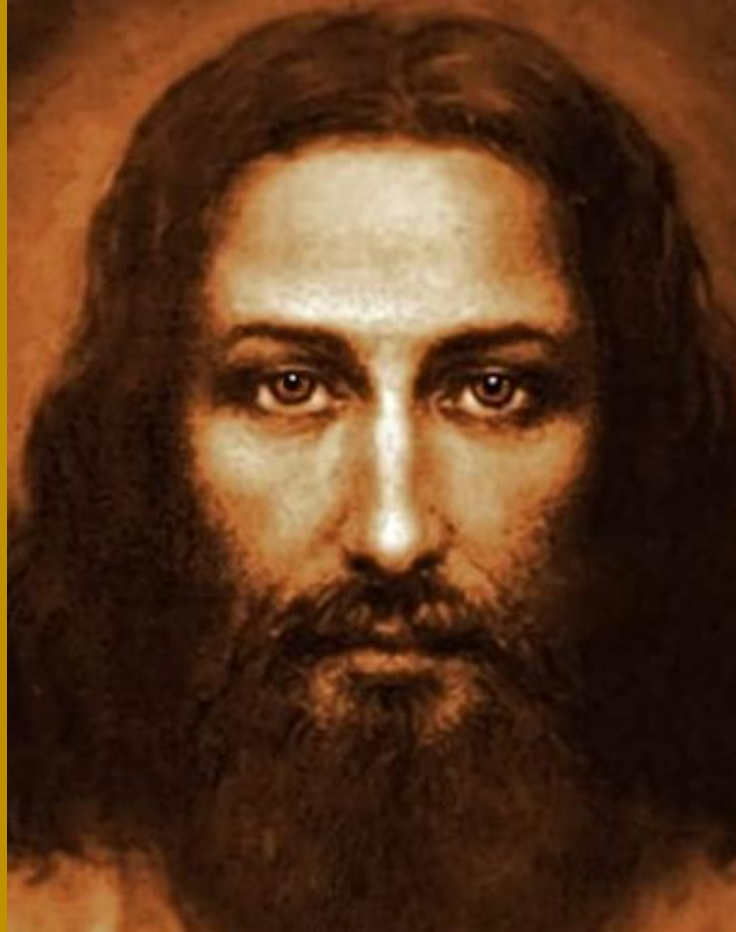
*We believe the Holy Spirit inspired the authors of sacred Scripture, therefore...*

Not everything in Scripture is literally true, But  
everything in Scripture is literarily true.

All of scripture communicates God's TRUTH.

# Jesus Revealing the Nature of God

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



Jesus is the FULLNESS of God's Revelation!



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FAITH AT HOME

- 1) Go to: [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and click on “sign up”
- 2) Click on “I belong to a parish organization”
- 3) Search for Parish by typing in:  
“Our lady of the Assumption Ventura CA”

# The main things to be sure we know about the Bible...

1. Each book is inspired by the Holy Spirit and culminates in the Person of Jesus
2. The Bible is like Jesus – fully human and fully divine
3. We don't read the Bible literally, but literarily
4. The Bible teaches the TRUTH
5. God wants to communicate with us **personally**

**How'd we do?      Questions?**