

What did Jesus say about the Bible? Many things!

Jesus affirms the Scriptures... not merely that the Scriptures were inspiring and cool, but that they were the powerful words the LORD spoke to the prophets. Paul writes to the Romans: for the scripture says... whoever calls upon the LORD will be saved -- **Romans 10:13**; **Joel 2:23**, the first message Peter preached on Pentecost – **Acts 2:21**, call upon the Lord Jesus = He is Yahwah, He is LORD.

Jesus the good Teacher never corrected His students for having too high a view of Scripture.

What did Jesus say about the Bible? Lots!

Jesus referenced the following historic individuals **by name**... in a context that He expected His students would clearly understand... and make appropriate application to the different lessons He taught, like Matthew the tax collector, for example... who wrote within 20 years of the resurrection:

Abel - the righteous brother who was murdered.

Noah – his days when violence covered the world, will be similar to when Messiah comes again.

Abraham – still lives, God is his God; nearly 2000 years earlier, he rejoiced to see the days of Jesus

Isaac – also lives, God is his God;

Jacob – yes, still lives, God is their God; many will come and recline at their table in the kingdom of God

Lot and Lot's wife – he went out of Sodom, remember Lot's wife

Sodom and Gomorrah – they were drinking, buying, selling, planting, building, and destruction came

Elijah – the great prophet, who prayed and there was no rain 3 ½ years; he was taken to heaven alive

Elisha – the prophet who followed Elijah, worked many miracles

Naaman the Syrian – in the time of Elisha, none of God's people... only the Syrian was healed

Moses – wrote a book, and he gave commandments because the people were hard hearted

David – 1000 years earlier than Jesus said: Christ was the son of David; and David called him Lord

Solomon – dressed in kingly apparel, but didn't compare to the beauty of creation; many heard his wisdom

The queen of the South (Queen of Sheba) ruling from Yemen to Ethiopia

Jonah – the prophet, was in the belly of the whale 3 days and 3 nights

The men of Nineveh – modern day Mosul Iraq; where Jonah preached they will rise on Judgment Day;

Isaiah – the prophet prophesied against the hypocrites; was sawn asunder by king Manasseh his grandkid

Daniel – the prophet spoke of when the time of the Gentiles would be fulfilled; still they rejected the Messiah

Zachariah – son of Berechiah, also murdered between the temple and the altar serving the Lord

Referencing these men and women of history, Jesus affirms and asserts sufficient truth in the authority of the Scripture. **Next is a sample interaction Jesus had with the religious leaders:**

Jesus had announced to the religious leaders: He is the good Pastor, who gives His life for the sheep; He was not a hireling. And we read: the Jewish leaders took up stones again to stone Him. **John 10**

Jesus answered them, I showed you many good works from the Father, for which of them do you stone Me? The Jewish leaders answer Him, For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, make Yourself out to be God.

Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your Law, I said you are Gods? Jesus spoke directly, quoting from the Old Testament, in a way they understood. Jesus added: If He called them Gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken) **it cannot be weakened or lessened**. Jesus knew what the religious leaders knew: No word of the Scripture could be removed... because no false word had been given to it. The Scripture = the word of God; it is written based on what the Lord spoke.

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6 different times it is recorded Jesus asked the religious Pharisees... **Have you not read?** In other words, Jesus is implying Scripture has clarity; God's truth is fixed.

When the Pharisees saw it, they said to Him, Look, your disciples do what is not lawful on the Sabbath. But Jesus said to them, **Have you not read** what David did, when he was hungry? **Have you not read** in the Law, that on the Sabbath the priest in the temple break the Sabbath, and are innocent? **Matthew 12:3-5**.

Some Pharisees came to Him, testing Him, saying, Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause at all? And He answered and said, **Have you not read**, He who created them from the beginning made them male and female. And said, For this cause a man will leave his father and mother, and will cleave to his wife; and the two will become one flesh? **Matthew 19:3-5**.

When the chief priest and scribes saw the wonderful things He had done, and the children who were crying out in the temple and saying, **Hosanna to the Son of David**, they became indignant, and said to Him, Do You hear what these children are saying? And Jesus who was not deaf said Yes; **have you never read**, Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babes You have prepared praise for Yourself? **Matthew 21:15-16**. The religious leaders had 1000 years to prepare for Messiah's fulfillment of **Psalms 8** and they completely missed the opportunity!

Jesus said to them, **Did you never read** The stone the builders rejected, this became the chief corner stone; this came about from the Lord, and it is marvelous in our eyes! **Matthew 21:42**.

But regarding the resurrection of the dead, **have you not read** that which was spoken to you by God, saying, I Am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? He is not the God of the dead but of the living. **Matthew 22:31-32**.

He asked them, Have you never read what David did when he was in need...**Mark 2:25**.

Have you not even read this Scripture? **Mark12:10**.

But regarding the fact that the dead rise again, **have you not read** in the book of Moses, in the passage about the burning bush, how God spoke to him saying? **Mark12:26**.

Have you not read when David was hungry... and enter the house of God? **Luke 6:3-4**.

Not only **Matthew**, but also **Mark** who knew the disciples... and **Luke** who met and interviewed people sometime later... they all faithfully transcribed those heated debates the religious leaders had with Jesus.

What did Jesus say about the Bible?

Jesus extensively quotes Old Testament passages... in the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The following are quotes and comments of **Jesus**, as well as **Matthew's** fewer quotes and comments about the Scripture found laced throughout the gospel of **MATTHEW**:

Now this was done that it might be fulfilled, spoken of the Lord by the prophet saying: A virgin will be with child, and will give birth to a son, and will call his name: Emmanuel, which means, God with us. **Isa 7:14**.

Man will not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. **Deut8:3**.

You will not test the Lord your God. **Deut6:16**

You will worship the Lord your God and only serve Him. **Deut6:13**

Do not think I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I came to fulfill. For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke will pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished.

Whoever annuls one of the least of these commandments, and so teaches others, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

You will not murder. **Ex20:13**

You will not adulterate. **Ex20:14**.

Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of dismissal. **Deut21:1**.

You will not make false vows, but will fulfill your vows to the Lord. **Deut23:21**.

For it is the city of the great King. **Isa68:1**.

An eye for an eye; and a tooth for a tooth. **Ex21:24**.

You will love your neighbor. **Lev19:18**.

That it might be fulfilled... He Himself took our infirmities, and carried away our diseases. **Isa53:4**.

The foxes have holes, the birds of the air have nests, but the **Son of Man** has nowhere to lay his head (only Daniel used this term that speaks to Messiah's earthly mission; used **30 times by Matthew**; a total of over 80 times in the New Testament. It's interesting, the high priests wanted to know if Jesus was the **Son of God**. Perhaps all their traditions cluttered their day and caused them not to know their bibles well)

I desire compassion and not sacrifice. **Hos6:6**.

I came to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and a man's enemies will be the members of his household. **Mic7:6**.

The blind receive sight and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. **Isa35:5; 61**.

Behold I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You. **Mal3:1**.

For all the prophets and the Law prophesied until John. And if you care to accept it, he himself is Elijah, who was to come.

Learn from Me, You will find rest for your souls. **Jer6:16**.

I desire compassion, and not a sacrifice. **Hos6:6**.

That what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, might be fulfilled, saying, Behold, My Servant whom I have chosen; My Beloved in whom My soul is well-pleased; I will put My Spirit on Him, and He will proclaim justice to the Gentiles. He will not quarrel, nor cry out; Nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets. A battered reed He will not break off, And a smoldering wick He will not extinguish, Until He leads righteousness to victory. And in His name the Gentiles will hope. **Isa.42:1-4**.

For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea monster. **Jonah1:17**.

The prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says, You will keep on hearing, but will not understand; and you will keep on seeing, but will not perceive; For the ear of this people has become dull, and with their ears they scarcely hear, and they have closed their eyes lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart and return, and I should heal them. **Isa6:9-10**.

The birds of the air come and nest in its branches. **Ps104:12**.

All these things Jesus spoke... that what was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter things hidden since the foundation of the world. **Ps.78:2**.

Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun. **Dan.12:3.**

Why do Your disciples transgress the traditions of the elders? And He answered, Why do you transgress the commandments of God by your traditions?

Honor your father and mother. **Ex20:12.**

He who speaks evil of father or mother, let him be put to death. **Ex21:17.**

Thus you invalidated the word of God for the sake of your tradition.

You hypocrites, rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you, This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. In vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the manmade precepts of men. **Is.29:13.**

Then reward every one according to his deeds. **Ps.62:12.**

By the mouth of two or three witnesses every fact may be confirmed. **Deut19:15.**

They said to Him, Why did Moses command to give her a certificate and divorce her? **Deut24:1-4.**

You will not murder; you will not adulterate; you will not steal; you will not falsely accuse; Honor your father and mother; and love your neighbor as yourself. **Ex.20:12-16.**

For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who hires laborers for his vineyard: **Isa.5:1.**

This took place that what was spoken by the prophet be fulfilled, saying, Say to the daughter of Zion, Look, your King comes to you, Gentle, and mounted on a donkey, even on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden. **Isa.62:11; Zech.9:9.**

The multitudes crying out saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. **Ps.118:26**

Jesus entered the temple and cast out all those who were buying and selling... and He said to them, It is written, My house will be called a house of prayer. **Isa.56:7.**

There was a landowner who planted a vineyard and put a wall around it and dug a wine press in it and built a tower. **Isa.5:1.**

Then the Pharisees went and counseled together how they could trap Him in what He said. And they sent their disciples saying, Teacher, we know that You are truthful and teach the way of God in truth and defer to no one; for You are not partial to any. **Matt.22:15-16.**

Sadducees questioned Him, saying, Teacher, Moses said, If a man dies, having no children, his brother as next of kin will marry his wife, and raise up an offspring to his brother. **Deut25:5.**

You will love the Lord your God with all your heart, your soul, and your mind. Deut6:5.

You will love your neighbor as yourself. Lev19:18.

What do you think about the Christ / the Messiah? Whose Son is He?

Then how does David in the Spirit call him Lord, saying

The Lord said to my lord, Sit at My right hand, until I put Your enemies beneath Your feet? Ps.110:1.

The scribes and Pharisees have seated themselves in the chair of Moses; so all that they tell you (that Moses and the prophets taught), do and observe;

But do not do according to their deeds (their manmade traditions), for they say one thing, and do another.

For I say to you, from now on you will not see Me (anymore teaching in the temple) until you say: Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ps.118:26.

Therefore when you see the abomination of desolation which was spoken through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand) (notice the word is not hieron / temple). Dan.9:27.

The sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall. Joel2:10.

The Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky. Dan7:13.

A great trumpet and they will gather together. Ex.19:16.

Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

But as the days of Noah... when he entered the ark... Gen.6:1-13.

Behold, the Bridegroom comes. Ps.19:5.

When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with him. Dan 7:13-14;;26-27.

For it is written I will strike down the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered. Zech13:7.

I sat daily with you teaching in the temple and you did not seize Me. But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets are fulfilled.

Are you the Christ? The Messiah?

You have said it yourself, I tell you, you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven. Dan.7:13.

Then that which was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one whose price had been set ... and they gave them for the Potter's Field, as the Lord directed me. **Jer.18:2,19:2.**

The chief priests were mocking, saying, He trusts in God; let Him deliver now, if He takes pleasure in Him: **Ps.22:8.**

My God, My God, why had You forsaken Me? **Ps.22:1.**

And the tombs were opened; and many bodies of saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they entered the holy city. **Lev.23:15.**

All authority is given to Me in heaven and in earth. **Dan.7:13-14.**

Having heard what Matthew wrote about Jesus knowing and using the Old Testament, you can do the same with: Mark, Luke and John.

What did Jesus say about the Bible? Learn it!

Every day; open your mind to it, take it to heart; teach it to a friend.

Old Testament included! **Because the Lord is still our Shepherd.**

You can light all the candles and sing all the happy songs in the world. But without the knowledge of God, Hosea told us: the people of God do not know what is going on. Knowledge is the information needed in order to act confidently. Dr. Dallas Willard said, if you know the house is on fire, it is your responsibility to share... so the people who need it will know what to do.

Dr. Gene Scott who graduated in the 1950s with his PhD from Stanford... who earned his PhD in 1 ½ years: faster than any student at Stanford till his time studying there. Dr. Scott heard all the arguments; he knew many brilliant scholars who had no biblical faith. Yet he boldly held, if the Word of God tells us Jonah swallowed a whale... **then start there.** Now, Dr. Scott always added: the Bible does not tell us that, but the point is taken.

The Eternal word became the Living word...

The Living word became the preached word...

The preached word became the received word...

The received word became the written word.

And they ALL were willing to die for what He told them.

The night Jesus was betrayed, John writes:

Jesus said many things like : If it was not so, I would have told you. I Am the way, the truth, and the life.

If you love Me, you will keep – you will guard to protect My words. He who does not love Me, does not keep My words: and the word that you hear is not mine, but My Father's who sent Me. John 14.

I have made known Your name to those you gave Me out of the world... and they kept Your word. For I have given them Your words that You gave Me, and they received them, and know I came from You.

Father... Sanctify them in Your word; Your word is truth. John 17.

The Bible of Jesus is the Word of God – still the NUMBER One best seller BOOK in the world every year... since the printing press in 1400s... with no other top 10 books combined in competition; and it speaks with all the certainty our minds and hearts need... in order to live on the high road of life in a world fast preferring the low life. The Word of God speaks lessons of the heart... lessons that do not reach to the heartless. And isn't it interesting? Not one university graduate program... now days steeped in science and research can make that same claim; public education is over-populated by people teaching children whatever. That's why dropout rates are so massively high.

If Jesus sounded like most university professors and public-school teachers... and definitely higher-critics of biblical criticism... then what Jesus started 2000 years ago... would have died out by the time Rome marched into Jerusalem 40 years later. By the way, 95% of my High School kids in South Central L.A. graduated on time, every year, many going on to the major universities in the country.

So shut off the TV; don't believe all the advertisements!

And pick up a Bible and enjoy:

How sweet are Your words to my taste! sweeter than honey to my mouth. Your word is a lamp to my feet; and a light to my path. Psalm 119:103. Learn that 3,000-year-old song and sing it every day!

Your words I found, and I ate them; and Your word became for me a joy and rejoicing, for I am called by the Name of the Lord God of hosts. Jeremiah 15:16. Jeremiah wasn't an angry, odious critic; he was part of God's adopted family.

Don't worry about the higher critics; they are the pathetic product of the endless counter-reformations since great men and women boldly proclaimed the Word of God without fear. When were the chicken bleeps appointed their assignment? Why don't they used their devious skills equally on all other sacred texts like the Quran, the Vedas, the Sutras or the Talmud of the world religions? With the same inquisitor zeal, they creatively try to destroy confidence in the Word of God.

HEY genius! Here is a proverb most folks like to ignore.
Proverbs 30; 4

Who ascended into heaven and descended?

Who gathers the wind in His fists?

Who wraps the waters like a garment? Like massive water wrapped in clouds

Who established all the ends of the earth?

What is His name, or His son's name? Surely you know!!

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