

Basic Misunderstandings

Judge It By Its Cover (Wk.1)

LifeNotes

TALK IT OVER

Main Idea

As a follower of Jesus—a Christian, the Holy Bible is our trustworthy authority for faith and practice.

Key Scriptures

Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, he explained to them the things concerning himself in all the Scriptures...Now he said to them, "These are my words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

Luke 24:27,44

I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. John 16:26

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you. John 14:26

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. Psalm 119:105

Key Points

1. The Holy Bible's historical voracity is unmatched in all of human history.
2. The Holy Bible can be trusted in its current form.
3. Jesus trusted the Scriptures while affirming their importance and intent.
4. The Holy Bible has the supernatural ability to speak into our circumstances and change our lives.

Start talking.

- What were some basic misunderstandings you had as a child?
- What are examples of misunderstandings you've experienced as an adult?
- How do basic misunderstandings result in powerful consequences?

Start thinking.

- What are some common misunderstandings our culture has about the Holy Bible?
- How do those misunderstandings impact an understanding of Christian faith?
- Joel compared the 2000 copies we have of Homer's Iliad with the 24,000 copies we have of scripture. Why does culture continue to accept the one, yet ridicule, condemn, and attack the other?
- Why is it helpful to have so many copies?
- Read through the Key Scriptures. How did Jesus feel about the Scriptures?
- Why does it matter that Jesus anticipated and authenticated the New Testament?

Start sharing.

- Read Hebrews 4:12. How has Scripture been "alive and active" in your or someone else's life?
- What have been personal obstacles to developing a consistent discipline of reading the Bible?
- What can we expect from developing a daily discipline of Scripture reading?

Start doing.

- If you haven't already, download the YouVersion Bible App.
<https://www.youversion.com>
- Commit to beginning each day in January with at least the "Verse of the Day".
- If you prefer a traditional Bible, then commit to reading daily for the month of January. Great places to start are choosing the chapter in Proverbs that corresponds to the date and/or to begin reading through the Gospel of John.

Closing prayer.

Lord Jesus thank you for the gift of your Holy Bible. Help me develop a daily discipline of reading it, and allowing it to transform me more into who you've called and created me to be.