

## JESUS' VIEW OF THE BIBLE

### “the Scriptures cannot be broken”

#### Key question

What was Jesus' view of the Bible?

#### Key text

### Matthew 5:18

“until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the law, until all is accomplished.”

#### A. He openly testifies to its authority and inspiration.

1. **John 10:35** The Scripture is the word of God and it cannot be broken.
2. **Matthew 5:18** “until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the law, until all is accomplished.”
3. **Matthew 22:31-32** “have you not read that which was spoken to you by God...(Exodus 3:6).”
4. **Matthew 15:4** “For God said...(Exodus 20:12, Deuteronomy 5:16, Leviticus 20:9).”
5. **Matthew 22:43** Jesus indicates that the Holy Spirit inspired Psalm 110.
6. **Matthew 15:6** Jesus here calls the commandments the Word of God.

#### B. He emphasized the importance of each word of it.

1. **Luke 16:17** “It is easier for heaven and earth to pass away, than for one tittle of the law to fail.”
2. **Luke 18:31** (24:44) “All things that are written through the prophets shall be accomplished unto the Son of man.”

#### C. He constantly uses scripture as though it were authoritative.

**Matthew 4:4,7,10** (Deuteronomy 8:3, 6:13,16): Matthew 12:3; Matthew 19:4; Matthew 21:42; Mark 10:2-3; Luke 20:17; John 8:17; John 10:34.

#### D. He testifies to the fulfillment of scriptural prophecy.

**Luke 4:16-21**; Matthew 27:46 (Psalm 22:1); John 19:28 (Psalm 69:21); Luke 24:27, 44.

#### E. He knows only one Isaiah and a Pentateuch that is the work of Moses.

**Luke 4:17-21** (Isaiah 61:1-2); Matthew 13:14 (Isaiah 6:9); Matthew 15:7-9 (Isaiah 29:13); Mark 12:29-31 (Deuteronomy 6:4-5, Leviticus 19:18).

**F. He indicates that the source of all error comes from neglecting the scriptures.**

1. **Mark 12:24, 27** “Is it not for this cause that ye err, that ye know not the Scriptures, nor the power of God?”
2. **Luke 24:25** “O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken.”

**G. He refers to many Old Testament events as historical facts not myths.**

1. **Matthew 19:4-5** the creation of the first couple
2. **Luke 11:51** the murder of Abel
3. **Matthew 24:17** Noah, the ark and the flood
4. **John 8:56** the role of Abraham and his faith
5. **John 7:22-23** circumcision of the patriarchs
6. **Luke 17:29, 32** the destruction of Sodom
7. **Luke 20:37** Isaac and Jacob
8. **Mark 12:26** the calling of Moses
9. **John 7:19, Matthew 19:18, 8:4** the law as given by Moses
10. **Matthew 12:3** David's eating the shewbread
11. **John 6:31-51** the manna
12. **John 3:14** the brazen serpent
13. **Matthew 12:42, 6:29** the wisdom and glory of Solomon
14. **Luke 4:26** Elijah and the widow of Zarephath
15. **Mark 9:12** the future role of Elijah
16. **Luke 4:27** Elisha and Naaman the leper
17. **Matthew 12:40-41** Jonah and the people of Nineveh
18. **Matthew 11:21** the wickedness of Tyre and Sidon
19. **Luke 11:51** the death of Zechariah
20. **Matthew 24:15** the prophesy of Daniel

**H. Jesus is the central theme of the Bible.**

1. **Luke 24:27** “And beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them **the things concerning Himself in all the scriptures.**”
2. **Luke 24:44** “All the things which are **written about Me in the law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms** must be fulfilled.”
3. **John 5:39** “You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is **these that bear witness of Me.**”

**The Point**

Jesus' confidence in the Scriptures is a model for our own attitude toward the Bible.

**Response**

## Head

### **I am to understand that:**

The authority of the Scriptures is vindicated in Jesus' treatment of the Bible.

## Heart

### **I am to believe that:**

God speaks to me through the truths of the Bible.

## Hands

### **I am to behave by:**

Reading the Bible with confidence that it is God's word for me.