

How Did Jesus View the Scriptures?

Unfortunately, we are living in a time when fewer and fewer people believe that the Bible is literal and the actual word of God. Instead, most view it as a book of myths, legends and fables.

Jesus viewed the scriptures very differently in His life. Jesus viewed the scriptures ...

I. **As Inspired by God**

- A. Paul tells us that all of the scriptures are inspired by God (2 Timothy 3:16-17).
 - 1. This means that the scriptures come from the mind of God.
 - 2. They have been given to us by God. They are not a product of the mind of men.
- B. Jesus certainly endorsed this in His life.
 - 1. In Matthew 15:3-6, the Lord referred to the writings of Moses in Exodus as the “commandment of God” and “the word of God.”
 - 2. In John 16:12-15, He promised the apostles that the Holy Spirit would come and reveal to them all the truth.

II. **As Worthy of Study**

- A. Jesus pointed this out to the Sadducees when correcting their erroneous view of the resurrection (Matthew 22:29-33).
- B. Sadly, many are lost right now because they have failed to read and study God’s word.

III. **As Extremely Useful**

- A. How did Jesus use the scriptures in His life?
 - 1. He used them to successfully battle against the devil (Matthew 4:1-11).
 - 2. He used them to answer questions and correct error (Matthew 19:3-6; 22:29-33).
 - 3. He used them to teach the truth about His identity (Luke 7:21-23).
- B. We need to use God’s word to accomplish the same purposes in our lives!

IV. **As Historically Accurate**

- A. Jesus made reference to...
 - 1. The Creation (Matthew 19:4-6).
 - 2. **Noah and the Flood** (Matthew 24:37-38).
 - 3. Jonah in the belly of the fish (Matthew 12:39-40).
 - 4. Lot’s wife (Luke 17:32).
 - 5. **Naaman** being cleansed of leprosy (Luke 4:27).
- B. Since Jesus was raised from the dead, we can trust that the great stories found in the Old Testament really happened!

V. **As Necessary for Us to Obey**

- A. Careful obedience to God’s word was important to Jesus (Matthew 23:23-24; John 8:55).
- B. He expects it to also be important to us (John 14:15, 21; 15:13-14; Matthew 7:21).

Conclusion: How are you viewing the scriptures?