

The Bible: More than Classical Literature; Less than 4th Member of Trinity Part 10: Christotelic

Discussion Guide – March 16, 2025

You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work. 2 Tim. 3:15-17

“You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me!” John 5:39

²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah ^[a] should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. Luke 24:25-27

Quotes:

“If Jesus is the center of authority for Christians, the defining revelation of both God and true humanity, then if we want to learn how to interpret our Scriptures, it seems reasonable to ask how Jesus read his.... According to Jesus, it isn’t enough to read [the OT scriptures] for what their human authors had in mind; they also have to be read in light of the end toward which God was always shaping the story—namely, Jesus himself. Not every text in the Bible is *about* Jesus, but the full, God-intended meaning of every text can only be understood *in relationship to him*. ” Meghan Good

“The acorn was already there as the Spirit breathed the Jewish Scriptures into life. From the outset, Christ and his gospel were embedded in the soil of the Old Testament by the Spirit. Now, behold its telos in Jesus Christ!” Brad Jersak

Discussion Questions

1. What has been your biggest takeaway from this series on the Bible? Has anything shifted in your understanding or appreciation of Scripture?
2. The message emphasized that the Bible is a tool with a function. How does viewing the Bible as a tool that leads us to Jesus differ from other ways people approach Scripture?
3. Looking at the Jonah example—how does Jesus’ reinterpretation of Jonah’s story deepen its meaning? What are some other Old Testament stories that might point to Jesus in ways we haven’t previously considered?
4. What steps can you take to reorient your expectations of the Bible around revealing the person of Jesus?
5. The message ended with the hope that we would see “the goodness and beauty of Jesus in every page of Scripture.” How does that challenge or encourage you as you approach the Bible moving forward?