

Jesus, the Bible, and Righteousness (Matthew 5:17-20)

“The issue of biblical authority is ultimately a question of Christological identity. What you think about Jesus will ultimately influence what you think about the Bible. Your theology of the ‘living Word’ (Jesus) and the ‘written Word’ (the Bible) go hand in hand.”

// Russ Bush (theologian and professor)

*Why shouldn't we trust in God, who bids and commands us to hope?
Through this Word he gave me life again. // Martin Luther*

I put my confidence in no other faith, but in the Word of God. //
Martin Luther

Jesus Believed the Scriptures Point to Him

- *so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. //*
Isaiah 55:11
- *the destruction of a whole by the complete separation of its parts, as when a house is taken down by being torn to pieces*
// JA Alexander
- *You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me.*
// John 5:39
- *Luke 24:25-27*
- *Luke 24:44-45*

Jesus Believed the Scriptures Were to be Fulfilled not Ignored

- Marcion taught that Jesus and the God of the Old Testament were not the same. He also taught that there was no need for an Old Testament and the only true apostle was Paul. (He was condemned as a heretic in 144 AD)
- Jesus taught the Old Testament is necessary for understanding who He is and His mission.
- “For truly” is the word Amen - “with certainty or assurance”
- The phrase “until heaven and earth pass away” occurs thirty-one times in Matthew’s Gospel and means “until the end of the age, as long as the present world order persists.”
// Dr. Danny Akin
- “Not an iota, or dot.” “Not a jot or tittle.”

Jesus Believed the Scriptures have Authority

- *Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. //*
James 3:1
- *For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. //*
James 2:10
- *Matthew 23*
- *For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God. //*
Romans 2:28-29