

What Did Jesus Believe?

A common devotional question when faced with issues of life is “What would Jesus do?”. I think an even more relevant question for the modern Christian is – “When it comes to the Bible, what did Jesus believe?”. I remember as a college student my brother Rob had a liberal theologian who was teaching his Old Testament Bible class and scoffing at the seven day creation and other historical/miraculous events. Rob asked him, “Do you think Jesus believed these accounts?” This was a very unsettling question, because it meant that this professor claimed to have greater knowledge and sophistication than God the Son – Jesus Christ. What about you? Do you believe the Bible as Jesus did or do you view yourself as having a greater ability to judge the Bible than God? Do you believe in an historical Moses who received the Ten Commandments while meeting with God on Mt. Sinai? Do you believe in the literal, historical Abraham, Isaac and Jacob who became the nation of Israel? Do you believe in the a literal King David who gave us the Psalms? Do you believe that prophets such as Isaiah, Jeremiah and Zechariah actually lived, ministered and prophesied? Do you believe that their prophecies as well as the writings of Moses, David and others have been passed down to us intact and unaltered? In this study we will look at what Jesus believed in terms of the authority of the holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word of God and then allow this to judge our own thoughts, intentions, words and actions.

This is an excellent devotional series to take your family through meditating on one passage each day. Slowly the authority of God’s holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word will be impressed upon your entire family. Also this is an excellent tool for pastors to have their deacons, elders and teachers work through to insure a high and reverent approach to the Word of God. Last but not least those involved in the student ministry will find this meditation series helpful in protecting students from the attacks of Satan through liberal professors who will challenge the authority and authenticity of the holy, eternal, written Word of God.

May God bless you in your daily meditations upon the Word of God and may you come to be one heart with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ concerning God’s holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word.

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Note to the conscientious Bible student:

You will notice that in the gospels the way God the Son quotes a verse is often not exactly the same as the way God the Holy Spirit had it recorded. This is not a contradiction as God the Son and God the Holy Spirit are both One and God. If God the Son wishes to expand upon or clarify a statement as inspired by God the Holy Spirit He is free to do so. If your father gives you instructions and then later your father expands or clarifies these instructions when referring back to his original statement, then he is free to do so. You however, when relating these instructions to your brothers and sisters do not have this same freedom. Even so, God the Son may use the discretion of God in quoting Scriptures that we may not use. The reason being, God the Son is God and whatever He says is by definition Holy Scripture. We on the other hand are sinful men and as a result it is our duty to quote the Word of God word perfect without taking liberties. We must always remember the clarification of God the Holy Spirit in John 21:25 ***“And there are also many other things which Jesus did, which if they were written in detail, I suppose that even the world itself would not contain the books that would be written.”*** In this passage God reminds us that the Gospels are not a complete history of the actions, words and teachings of Jesus. The Word of God is the Word of God, whether spoken by God the Father, God the Son or God the Holy Spirit. We accept the quotes of Jesus as representations of the heart of God because He is God. We do not question the mind of Jesus nor the inspired words of the Holy Spirit, but rather we appreciate the fact that God speaks to us and we accept His holy, eternal, inerrant, written word as that which judges us and not subject to our judgment.

The following is an example of a completed Quiet Time sheet which you may find helpful
(Old Testament reference is given in italics.)

TOPIC & PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Matthew 8:4 (*Leviticus 13:49 & 50; 14:1 & 2*)

How does this passage reveal Jesus' view of the authority of the Bible as the Word of God?

*The phrase "Moses commanded" indicates that Jesus held the writings of Moses (*Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy*) to be inspired of God.*

What historical events or individuals did Jesus hold as true? (This may be specifically stated or it may be implied by the context of a passage quoted by Jesus)

Moses, the giving of the Law by God to Moses, the authorship of the Law by the historical man, Moses, the historical events surrounding the giving of the Law – the Exodus, Mt. Sinai, wilderness wanderings, meeting with God in the Tabernacle and more.

What authority or confidence did Jesus place in the written Word of God? (Look for words such as "written", "Scriptures", "Law", "read", "book", "command" etc.)

Jesus states in this passage, "that Moses commanded, as a testimony". This gives specific credence and authority to the written Word of God and not just oral tradition. The reference here is to the specific commands of Moses as given in the written Law of Moses. The fact that Jesus quotes from the Book of Leviticus is further evidence of the emphasis on the written Law over oral tradition.

How will I apply Jesus' view of the Word of God to my life?

Jesus did not question the authority of the Word of God nor the historical figures and events recorded in the Word of God. I too will accept the Word of God as did Jesus. I will not become so proud as to think that I have a more sophisticated understanding of the Word of God than God the Son. I will not become so proud as to question events in the Bible which Jesus held to be true. Others may question the historical Moses, the giving of the first five Books of the Old Testament by God to Moses and the preservation of the Law by God the Holy Spirit but I will not.

QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: What Did Jesus Believe?

TOPIC & PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Luke 24:27

How does this passage reveal Jesus' view of the authority of the Bible as the Word of God?

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TOPIC & PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Luke 24:44-47

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TOPIC & PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: John 8:39 & 58

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TOPIC & PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Mark 7:9-10 (Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 5:16)

How does this passage reveal Jesus' view of the authority of the Bible as the Word of God?

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TOPIC & PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Mark 12:24-26 (Exodus 3:6)

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TOPIC & PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Luke 6:3-5 (I Samuel 21:1 – 10)

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TOPIC & PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Matthew 12:38-40 (Jonah 1:17)

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TOPIC & PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Mark 10:18-19 (Exodus 20:12-16; Deuteronomy 5:16-20)

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TOPIC & PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Matthew 21:42 (Psalm 118:22)

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THEME: What Did Jesus Believe?

TOPIC & PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Matthew 26:54-56

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TOPIC & PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Luke 4:17-21 (Isaiah 61:1)

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JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: What Did Jesus Believe?

TOPIC & PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: John 10:34 (Psalm 82:6)

How does this passage reveal Jesus' view of the authority of the Bible as the Word of God?

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TOPIC & PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: John 10:35-36 (Psalm 82:6)

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TOPIC & PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Matthew 26:31-32 (Zechariah 13:7)

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TOPIC & PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Mark 9:12-13

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TOPIC & PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Luke 7:27 (Malachi 3:1)

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TOPIC & PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Luke 10:26-28 (Deuteronomy 6:5; Leviticus 19:18; 18:5; Ezekiel 20:11)

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TOPIC & PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Luke 18:31

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TOPIC & PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: John 6:45 (Isaiah 54:13; Jeremiah 31:34)

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