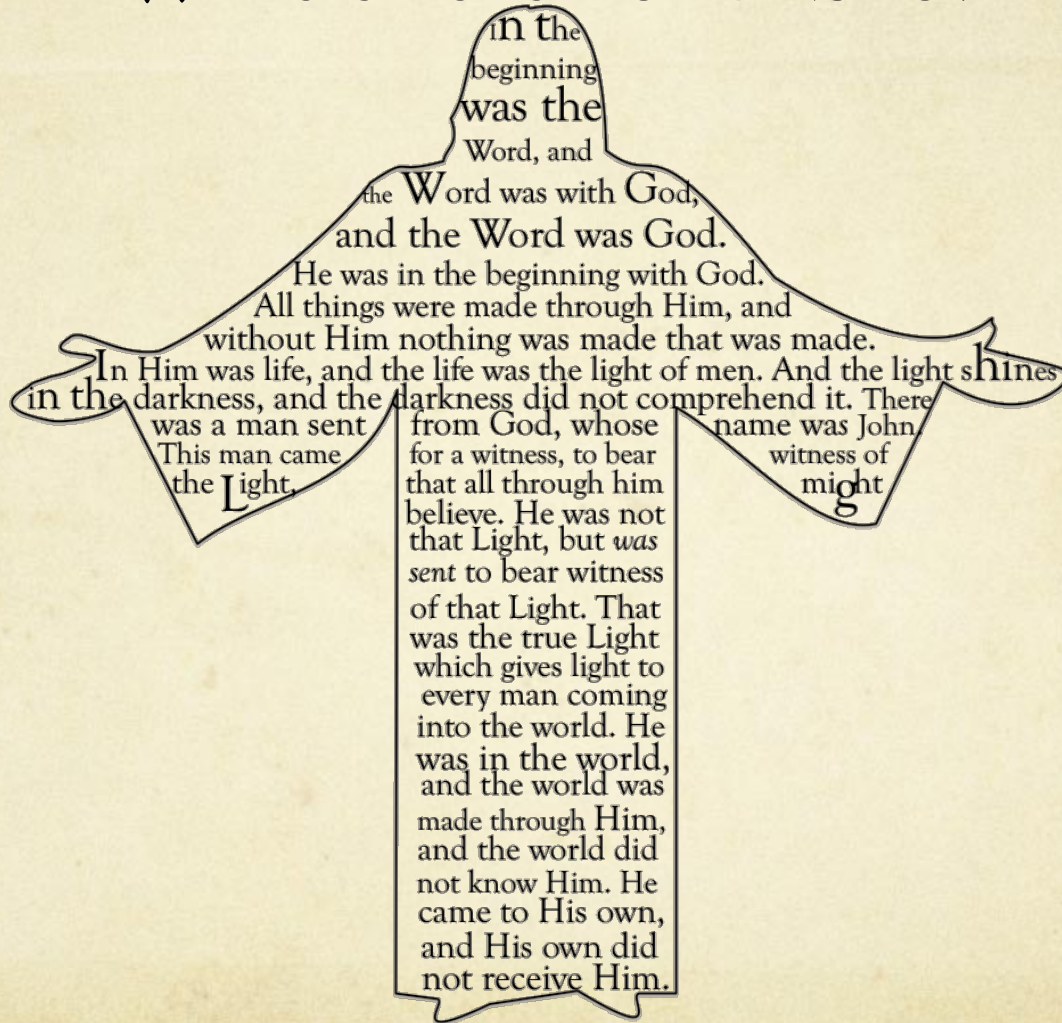


What is the Bible?

- A.K.A. The Word of God
- John 1:1-5
- *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.”*

What is the Bible?



- The Word of God can't be separated from God Himself - The Word of God IS Jesus Christ

What is the Bible?

- Hebrews 4:12
- *“For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”*
- Like a living, breathing person
- No matter how many degrees in scripture and language, you won't understand anything unless you are in a contact with Christ

Why the Bible?

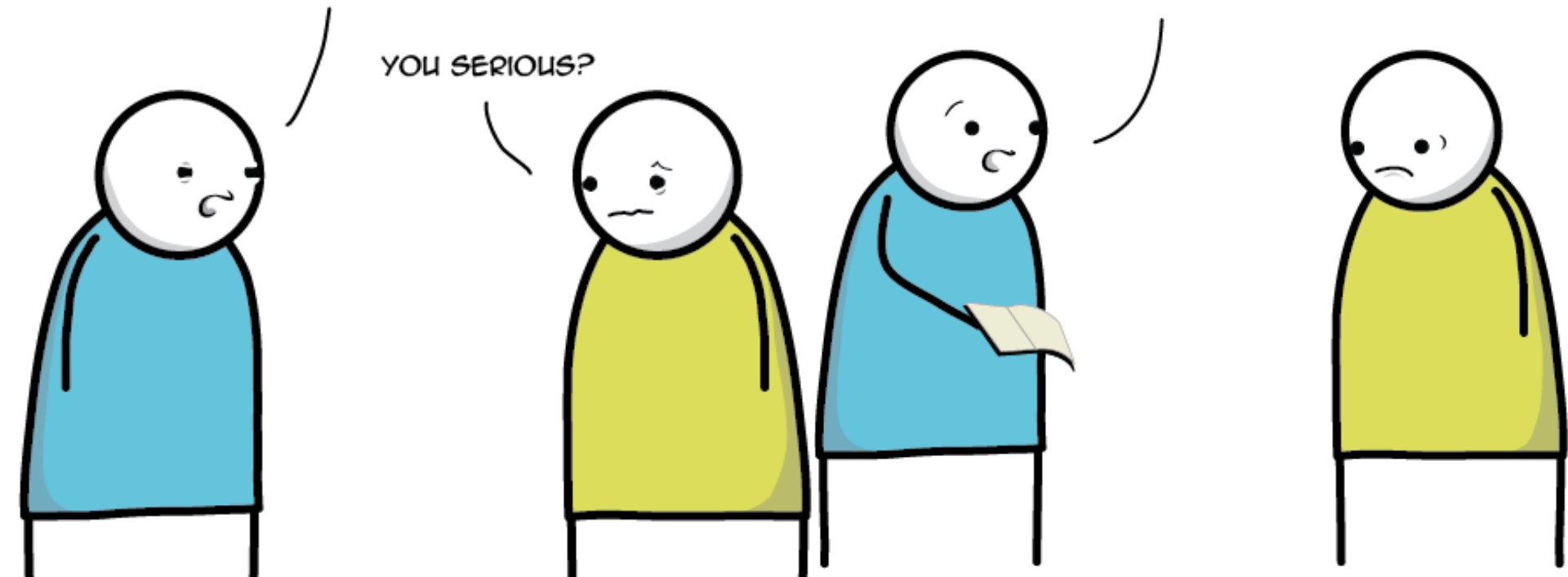
- The primary way by which we know God
- Hosea 4:6
- “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.
Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me;”
- 2 Peter 1:5 – Tower of virtues
- “But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge”

Why the Bible?

- John 17:3
- *“And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent”*
- We can't love someone unless we know them
- The more time you spend with the Bible, the better you get to know & love God

1. WHAT DO YOU MEAN JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD? IT SAYS IN THE BIBLE THAT HIS DISCIPLES CAME AND STOLE HIS BODY IN ORDER TO FOOL EVERYONE.

2. AFTER HIS CRUCIFIXION, MATTHEW 28:13 SAYS, "HIS DISCIPLES CAME BY NIGHT AND STOLE HIM AWAY." IT'S RIGHT HERE IN THE BIBLE, MAN. CLEAR AS DAY.



3. DUDE. READ THE SURROUNDING TEXTS. IT SAYS THE CHIEF PRIESTS BRIBED THE SOLDIERS TO SAY WHAT YOU JUST SAID, NOT THAT IT ACTUALLY HAPPENED.

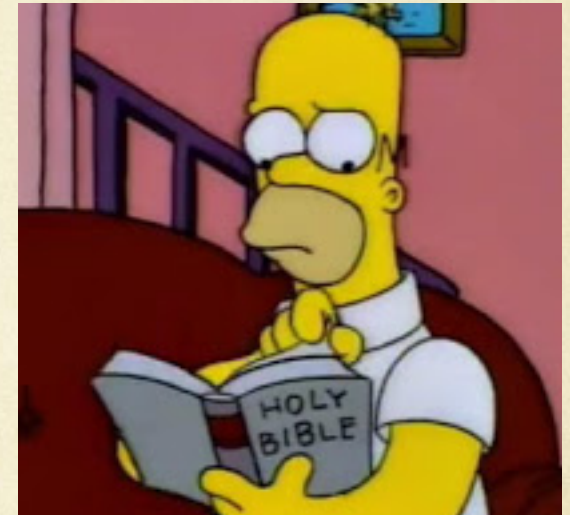


How to read the Bible

- DAILY
- Deuteronomy 17:19
- *“And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord his God and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes”*
- “I don’t have time”

How to read the Bible

- STUDY – who, what, when, where, why
- Understand what's going on!
- How?
 - a) Attend a Bible Study
 - b) Study the Bible on your own



- Take the time to dig and find the treasure
- A lot of people lack a big picture of the Bible

Quick Facts

Written by 40 people

66 books + 7 deuterocanonical

ONE author, one theme, one message

Written over 1600-2500 years

3 languages

Old Testament

- Law (5)
- History (12)
- Poetry (5)
- Major prophets (5)
- Minor prophets (12)

New Testament

- Gospels (4)
- Acts (1)
- Pauline Epistles (14)
- Catholic Epistles (7)
- Revelation (1)

Is all of it relevant to me?

executed judgments. ⁵ Then the children of Israel moved from Rameses and camped at Succoth. ⁶ They departed from Succoth and camped at Etham, which *is* on the edge of the wilderness. ⁷ They moved from Etham and turned back to Pi Hahiroth, which *is* east of Baal Zephon; and they camped near Migdol. ⁸ They departed from before Hahiroth and passed through the midst of the sea into the wilderness, went three days' journey in the Wilderness of Etham, and camped at Marah. ⁹ They moved from Marah and came to Elim. At Elim *were* twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees; so they camped

- 43 stations in the wilderness *Numbers 33*
- Symbol of the Genealogy of Christ (43)
- You must pass through the wilderness from the first Adam to reach the second Adam

How to read the Bible

- WHOLE

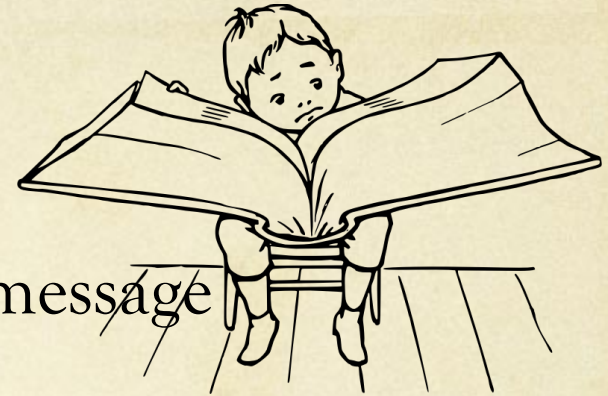
- The Bible is one book with one message

- The only way to understand it is to read it all

- Revelation 1:3

- *“Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near”*

- Nothing good can come if your Bible is closed





How to live the Bible

- What is our biggest desire? The pursuit of...
- Jeremiah 15:16
- *“Your words were found, and I ate them,
And Your word was to me the joy and
rejoicing of my heart;”*
- “The Bible which is falling apart usually
belongs to someone who isn’t”
- Find, eat and chew!

How to live the Bible



- Matthew 13:9 – The Parable of the Sower
- Four different soils - why was the seed spread to good soil and other soils? Why is there bad soil?
- ① I need to RECEIVE the Word of God i.e. READ
- ② HIDE it in your heart *“I have hidden your word in my heart so that I would not sin against you”* Psalm 119:11
- ③ TASTE it *“I Have found your words like honey and I ate it”* – Psalm 119:103
- ④ ACT on it *“Your word is a lamp unto my feet”* –Ps119:105

How to live the Bible

- How do we read the Bible in the Church?
- The Word of God is not just knowledge - is Christ - so reading it is in fact meeting Christ.
- Receive, hide, taste and act on the Word of God → you will be fruitful & it will change your life!

Quiet Time

- Daily time I set aside to be alone with God
- PLEASE, LIKE, ANSWERS, SUCCESS
- Pick a time and place
- Write what God teaches you! Numbers 33:2 –
“Now Moses wrote down the starting points of their journeys at the command of the Lord.”
- Begin with the right attitude – Reverence, Faith, Obey
- Follow a simple plan
- Learn how to apply to your life & write it

<p>Bible App vs. Print Bible</p> <p>by AdamHd</p>		
<p>Fits in your pocket</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>✗</p>
<p>Can be read in any lighting</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>✗</p>
<p>Has built-in reading plans</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>✗</p>
<p>Lets you search by keyword</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>✗</p>
<p>Has copy/paste function</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>✗</p>
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<p>Free</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>✗</p>
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from God, whose
for a witness, to bear
that all through him
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