

JESUS AND SCRIPTURE

Introduction

- 1) **Luke 4:16-22** – Jesus demonstrated great respect toward divine **Scripture** – how He viewed it and spoke of it should be a lesson to us in how we should respect and use the Scriptures
- 2) Not everyone Jesus met shared His appreciation and use of Scripture; unfortunately, the same can be said for many today, even in the church
- 3) Notice what Jesus emphasized that demonstrated His high regard for Scripture

I) **The Promises and Prophecies of Scripture**

- A) **Luke 24:44-49** – Messianic prophecies, prophecies of salvation, establishment of the church, and sending of the Holy Spirit (see Isa. 2, 53; Psa. 16:10; Joel 2; Acts 1-2)
- B) We need to emphasize the fulfilled promises and prophecies of OT Scripture (Acts 26:22-23; 1 Pet. 1:11) and the promises and prophecies of NT Scripture (Col. 1:5; Rev. 21:1-4)

II) **The Unchangeable and Indestructible Nature of Scripture**

- A) **Matthew 5:17-18; John 10:35** – God's word cannot be voided or changed
- B) The gospel of Christ endures forever (1 Pet. 1:22-25)
 - 1) Cannot add to or take away by human creed or council (Rev. 22:18-19)

III) **The Truth and Authority of Scripture**

- A) **John 17:17; Luke 16:29** – God's word is truth and divine authority for man to follow
- B) We are to hold fast to the written word of God (1 Cor. 2:13; 2 Thess. 2:15; Jude 3; 1 Cor. 4:6)
 - 1) This is why we must know and apply the word of God (2 Tim. 2:15; Col. 3:17)

IV) **The Divine Miracles Recorded in Scripture**

- A) **Matthew 12:40; Mark 10:6; Matthew 24:39** – Jonah, Creation, Flood
- B) We must emphasize the testimony of miracles, signs, and wonders (Acts 2:22; Heb. 2:3-4)
 - 1) We must not give in to pressure of an unbelieving world or human wisdom, which will reject the plain truth of the Biblical text (Col. 2:8; 1 Tim. 6:20-21)

V) **Faulty Attitudes toward Scripture Encountered by Jesus**

- A) **Unbelief – Failure to Believe the Truth** (Jn. 5:39-47; Matt. 22:23, 29)
 - 1) Believing error will cause one to depart from God (Acts 23:8; Heb. 3:12)
- B) **Liberalism – Going Beyond the Authority of God's Word** (Matt. 15:2-9)
 - 1) May be sincere and heartfelt, but still moves beyond the written truth (2 Jn. 9)
- C) **Blindness – Unwilling to Distinguish Truth from Error** (Matt. 15:14; Jn. 9:39)
 - 1) Must have an attitude and desire to seek the truth (Matt. 11:25; 2 Tim. 2:15; Eph. 5:17)

Conclusion

We need the proper attitude toward Scripture like Jesus

Let us study, understand, teach, obey, and defend it (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 1 Thess. 2:13; Acts 20:32)