



*What Should Be My Attitude Toward This Book?*

If my desire is to follow Jesus...

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My attitude toward the Scriptures  
should be the same as His!

# How Jesus Viewed the Scriptures

- **Major point #1:** He regarded them as inspired.
  - “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God...” (2 Timothy 3:16).
  - “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4).
  - Did Jesus believe this to be the case with all Scripture?

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- Old Testament Scriptures inspired?
  - He spoke of how they **must be fulfilled** (Matt. 5:17–18; Luke 24:44).
  - **Settled arguments** with O.T. Scripture.
    - “It is written...”
    - “Have you not read?” (e.g., Matt. 22:29–32, 41–46).
  - John 10:34–35.
  - Quoted from at least 13 different O.T. books.

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- New Testament Scriptures inspired?
  - The first four books contain many words spoken directly by Jesus, and so these come from the “mouth of God” (Deuteronomy 18:15–20; John 12:47–50).
  - Now, notice what Jesus promised His apostles He would do (John 14:25–26; 16:13–15).

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- **Major point #2:** Jesus was careful to teach only that which came from the mouth of God.
  - John 7:16–18; 8:26; 12:49–50.
  - Tradition NOT on par with Scripture: Matthew 15:7–9.
  - And let's never doubt the power of this source (e.g., Luke 24:25–27, 32).

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- **Major point #3:** Jesus insisted the Scriptures **should** be read and **could** be understood.
  - On the need to **READ** the Scriptures...
  - “Have you never read?” (Matt. 12:3, 5; 19:4; 21:16, 42; 22:31).
  - “You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures” (Matt. 22:29).
  - Jesus made an argument based on a single word in a passage (John 10:33–36), another on the tense of a word (Matt. 22:29–31).

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  - On our ability to **UNDERSTAND** the Scriptures...
  - “Hear and **understand**...” (Matthew 15:10).
  - “He who received seed on the ground is he who hears the word and **understands** it, who bears fruit and produces” (Matthew 13:23).
  - Why we sometimes don’t: Matthew 13:13–15.



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- **Major point #4:** Jesus insisted on strict obedience to God's word.
  - It expresses our love for Him. John 14:21, 23–24.
  - It shows respect for His authority. Matthew 28:18–20.
  - It is essential to our salvation. Matthew 7:21–23.

# How, then, do we treat the Scriptures?

- We regard them, not as the words of men, but as the words of God.
- We teach as doctrine only that which can be proven from Scripture.
- We very thoroughly read the Scriptures, confident that we can understand God's will for us.
- We diligently strive to do all He commands in Scripture—we are here to do His will, not our own.