

JESUS' VIEW OF SCRIPTURE

TEXT: 2 Timothy 3:15-17

INTRODUCTION:

1. The Scriptures are the sacred writings of God.
2. In Jesus' time, only the Old Testament had been revealed.
3. Yet, His attitude toward the Scriptures also applies to the New Testament.

I. JESUS BELIEVED THE SCRIPTURES

- A. There were many wrong attitudes toward God's Word.
 1. Lack of knowledge (Matthew 22:29)
 2. Attitude of ridicule (Matthew 22:23-28)
 3. Reliance upon tradition (Matthew 15:1-9)
- B. Yet, Jesus demonstrated a proper relationship to Scripture.
- C. Jesus believed the Scriptures:
 1. Their inspiration (Mark 12:36)
 2. Their accuracy (Matthew 5:18)
 3. Their truthfulness (John 17:17)
 4. Their authority (Luke 10:25-26; 16:29-31)

II. JESUS RESPECTED THE SCRIPTURES

- A. This was manifested when He read them (Luke 4:16).
- B. He did not "add to them" (cf. Matthew 15:12-14).
- C. He did not "take from them" (cf. Matthew 22:33; Acts 23:8).
- D. He did not alter them (cf. Matthew 12:3, 5; 19:4; 22:31).
- E. *It must be kept in mind that when Jesus taught, He explained the Old Testament Scriptures accurately and also proclaimed His Gospel. There was to be a transition from the Old Law to the New – and the two are not the same. In establishing the New Covenant, Jesus did not destroy the Old – rather, He fulfilled it (Matthew 5:17-19).*

III. JESUS LEARNED THE SCRIPTURES

- A. He knew the content of the Scriptures (Luke 4:16-19).
- B. He memorized the Scriptures (Matthew 4:1-11; Luke 24:27).

IV. JESUS OBEYED THE SCRIPTURES

- A. He kept the Old Law perfectly (Matthew 3:15; 5:17-19).
- B. He obeyed even though it brought great suffering (Matthew 26:53-54).

V. JESUS PREACHED THE SCRIPTURES

- A. He obeyed and taught others (cf. Matthew 5:19).
- B. He taught publicly and privately (Luke 10:38-39).
- C. He taught the Word of God (Matthew 7:29; 13:54), applied it (Matthew 19:16-22), and corrected misunderstandings about it (Matthew 19:7-8).