

**TRANSFORMATION
COMMUNITY CHURCH**
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THE MESSAGE

JAMES 1:22

"..DON'T JUST LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD. YOU MUST DO WHAT IT SAYS.
OTHERWISE, YOU ARE ONLY FOOLING YOURSELVES."

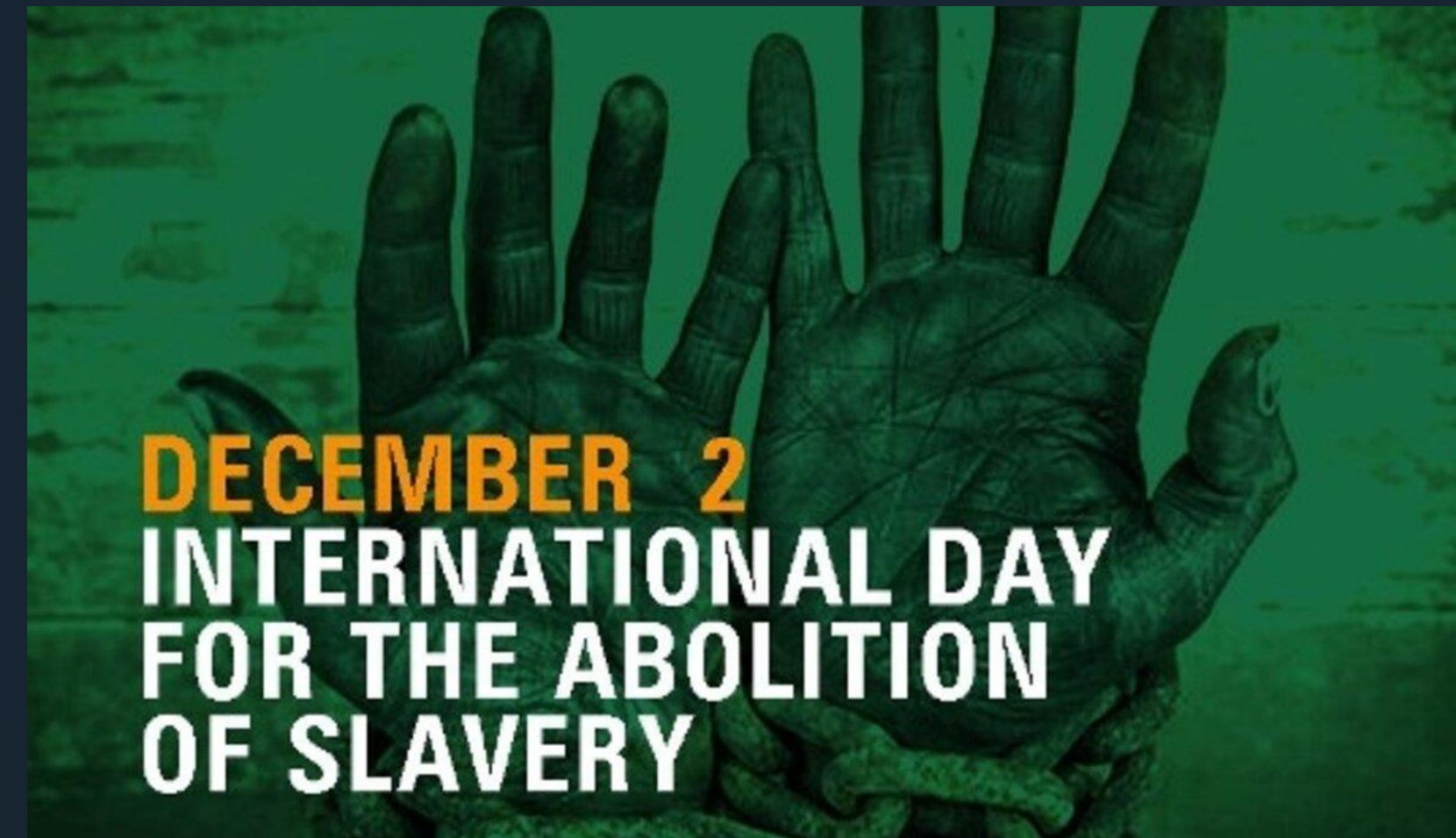


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THE BIBLE IN HISTORY:

Moral foundations of Western legal systems, movements like abolition of slavery, civil rights, and social reform, the Bible has inspired visionaries, leaders, and entire nations.



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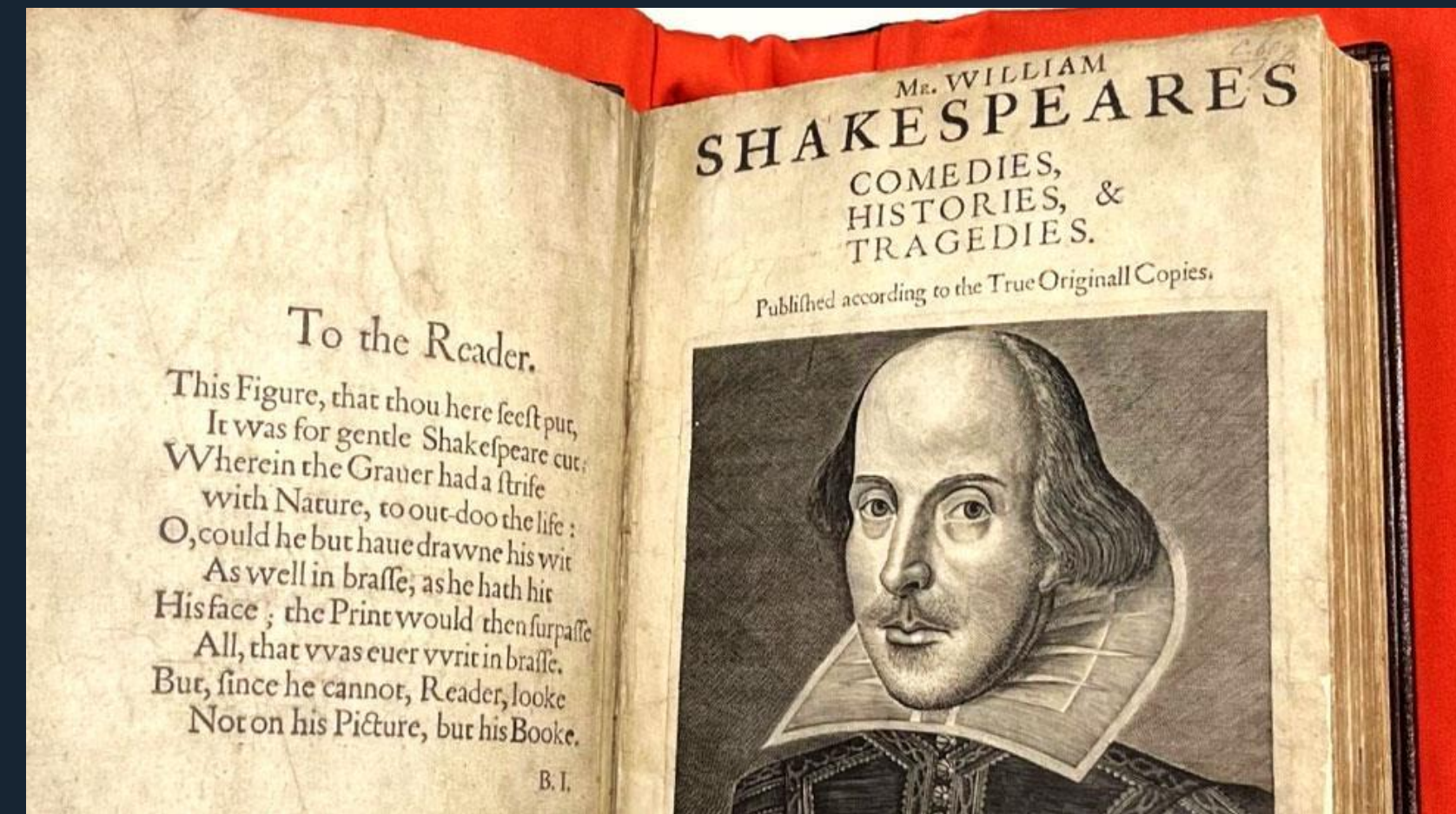


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THE BIBLE IN CULTURE:

From Shakespeare to Tolstoy... Phrases like “by the skin of your teeth” or “a thorn in the flesh” come straight from its pages. Influence echoes in music, art, politics, and even everyday speech.



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The Bible and Christian Faith:
Not just a historical document or a moral guide—it's the Word of God. It tells the story of creation, fall, and restoration to God through Jesus. and how we are to live as disciples.



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**WE CAN TRUST THE BIBLE AS INERRANT
BECAUSE GOD CANNOT LIE**

- Does Science contradict it, can we believe in the miracle stories as reality?
- That's where the doctrine of inerrancy comes in.

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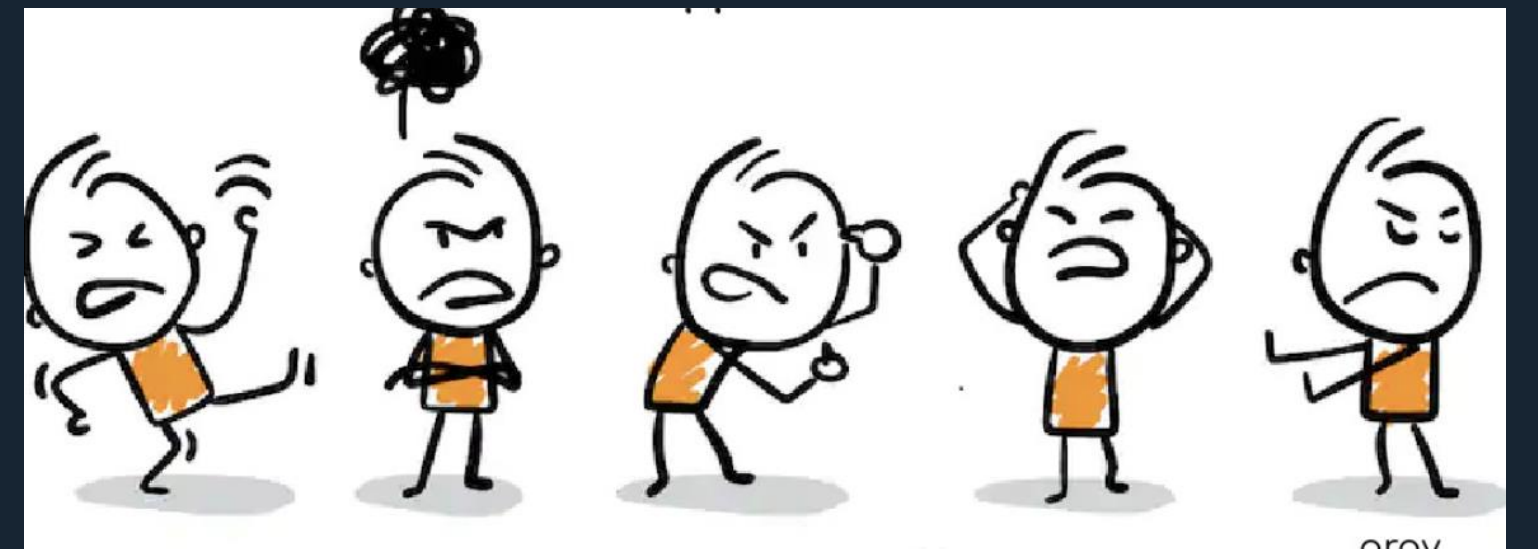


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It doesn't mean we understand everything, *or even obey it*, still things to grapple with.

Phil 2:14 do everything without complaining or arguing...???



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Inerrancy means that *the Bible, in its original writings, is without error in all that it affirms—whether it's about God, morality, or history.*

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WHY IS THAT IMPORTANT?

- If the Bible is truly God's Word—spoken through human authors but ultimately from Him—then it must reflect His character.
- And God is not mistaken. He does not lie. He does not mislead.

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Some things in the bible are
NARRATED/RECORDED ACCUTATELY
BUT NOT ENDORSED.

1. Lot Offering His Daughters (Genesis 19:8)
2. Jephthah's Vow and Sacrifice (Judges 11:30–39)
3. David's Polygamy (2 Samuel 5:13; 1 Chronicles 3:1–9)
4. Solomon's Idolatry (1 Kings 11:1–10)
5. Jobs comforters Job 42:7
6. Saul seeks out witch at Endor 1 Sam 28

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For disciples of Jesus, the significance hinges on one central conviction: *that when God speaks through Scripture, He speaks truth.* That's why inerrancy isn't a side issue—it's the safeguard of our trust in the very heart of the gospel.

- John 17:17
- Titus 1:2
- Heb. 6:18

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“The inerrancy of Scripture means that Scripture in the original manuscripts does not affirm anything that is contrary to fact”

(Systematic Theology, p. 90). Wayne Grudem.

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- This does not mean that the Bible uses modern scientific language, modern grammar (Ps. 113:3).
- Inerrancy does **not** mean that every copy or translation of the Bible is without error, nor that the biblical authors were all knowing or used modern categories of thought.
- Inerrancy also does not stop the presence of literary genres, symbolic language, or approximations (e.g., 1 Kings 7:23's measurements). Instead, it insists that Scripture speaks truly according to its intended purpose and genre.
- All the Bible affirms is true, trustworthy, and divinely authoritative.

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MATTHEW'S GENEALOGY

- 14 generations for symbolic and theological reasons
- It is the numerical value of the Hebrew letters in the name "David" (דוד), emphasizing Jesus's royal lineage and connection to the Davidic covenant,
- Teaching in Jesus in blocks of 5 as Jesus is the new Moses, Gods law giver.

Matthew 1:1-17

1. Abraham
2. Isaac
3. Jacob
4. Judas
5. Phares
6. Esrom
7. Aram
8. Aminadab
9. Naason
10. Salmon
11. Booz
12. Obed
13. Jesse
14. David

So all the generations
from Abraham to David
are fourteen generations

1. Solomon
2. Roboam
3. Abia
4. Asa
5. Josaphat
6. Joram
7. Ozias
8. Joatham
9. Achaz
10. Ezekias
11. Manasses
12. Amon
13. Josias
14. Jechonias

and from David until
the carrying away into
Babylon are fourteen
generations

1. Jechonias
2. Salathiel
3. Zorobabel
4. Abiud
5. Eliakim
6. Azor
7. Sadoc
8. Achim
9. Eliud
10. Eleazar
11. Matthan
12. Jacob
13. Joseph
14. Jesus

and from the carrying away
into Babylon unto Christ are
fourteen generations

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“The Scriptures are wholly trustworthy as the Word of God, not because of the perfection of the human authors but because of the divine source”

J. Rodman Williams *Renewal Theology*, Vol. 1, p. 93.

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RESOURCES TO HIGHLIGHT

- John Lennox
- Amy Ewing-Orr
- How to study the bible for yourself – handout & bookmark
- Explore The Bible Course
- Transformation Bible School

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HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE BOOKMARK & PDF HANDOUT VIA SIGNAL

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READ

**Read several times,
be attentive to detail**

MEDITATE

**Think about as guided
by the Holy Spirit**

PRAY

Talk with God

OBSERVE

**Wordless, quiet
expression of love**

***"In the sacred books, the
Father who is in heaven
comes lovingly to meet his
children, and talks with
them."***

**How to
Study
the Bible**



Your Guide to Understanding the Bible

The five steps in this guide will help you learn how to read and understand the Bible more so you can grow closer to God.

1. Find a translation you understand

The Bible was written in three ancient languages. Each translation into modern languages represents years of work to help you process the Bible in a way that makes sense.

- [Choosing a Translation](#)—Learn more with this video from The Bible Project. We use the NLT for readability on Sundays but its a personal choice as to what works best for you.
- [Get the Bible App](#)—Access more than 2,400 Bible versions in over 1,600 languages wherever you are

2. Pick a time and a place

Are you a morning person or night owl? Do you like quiet places or bustling coffee shops? Do you learn by watching, listening, or reading? Do you sometimes read paper and other times digital?

Once you decide on a routine that works for you, start one of these Bible Plans or consider a paper Study Bible.

- [The Bible: Explained](#)—A seven-day Bible Plan that's great for reading with friends.
- [Consider a Study Bible](#)—If you prefer paper, or need a technology break, find a paper study Bible.
- [How to Read the Bible](#)—This 19-day Plan by BibleProject will introduce you to the Bible's unified story.

3. Uncover the context- its the key!

Think like a detective and discover the story behind the story. The Bible is a collection of 66 different books, written in three languages, across three continents, over a 1,500-year period by 40 different authors. Use tools like these to learn who the text was written to, when, where, and why.

- [Download Bible Project's App](#)—Through videos, podcasts, and articles, you'll experience the Bible as one unified story that leads to Jesus.



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Videos :



[Does Science Require Faith? | John Lennox](#)

YouTube · The Veritas Forum
9 Sept 2012



[John Lennox Explains Why Science & Religion Are Compatible](#)

YouTube · Freedom Pact
8 May 2025



[Do Science and Faith Mix? - John Lennox](#)

YouTube · OCCA The Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics
3 Jan 2024



[John Lennox: Science DOESN'T Explain What You Think It ...](#)

YouTube · Practical Wisdom
15 Dec 2023

Professor
John
Lennox,
Oxford

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Why Trust the Bible? AMY ORR-EWING

Right Now Media, Free Study Guide

6 Sessions an average of 10 minutes

Six common questions about the Bible that can cause Christians to doubt and seekers to reject the faith before they encounter Jesus.

<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/918111>

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The Bible Series – Small group video resource

Increase your understanding of the Bible and discover its relevance to us today as you study key biblical themes in your small group.

Get started



Explore The Bible Course

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/the-bible-course>

A seven-session video series for individuals and small groups focusing on key bible themes where you can discover how Bible characters, stories, and themes are connected, from Genesis to Revelation.

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Kingdom Come: Exploring the Heart of the New Testament

Tuesday Nights
begins 29th July
at 6pm



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MISUNDERSTANDINGS OR MISREADINGS OF
THE BIBLE.

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FAITH AND SCIENCE ARE NOT ENEMIES

- Science may explain the how of humanity but it can't explain the WHY?
- Science can't explain the WHO we are in our identity.

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SCIENCE CONTRADICTS THE BIBLE?

Oxford Mathematician, John Lennox Video Clip.

3 mins 27 secs longer debate over 1hour 40 mins

<https://youtu.be/3gKCwldMZS8?feature=shared>

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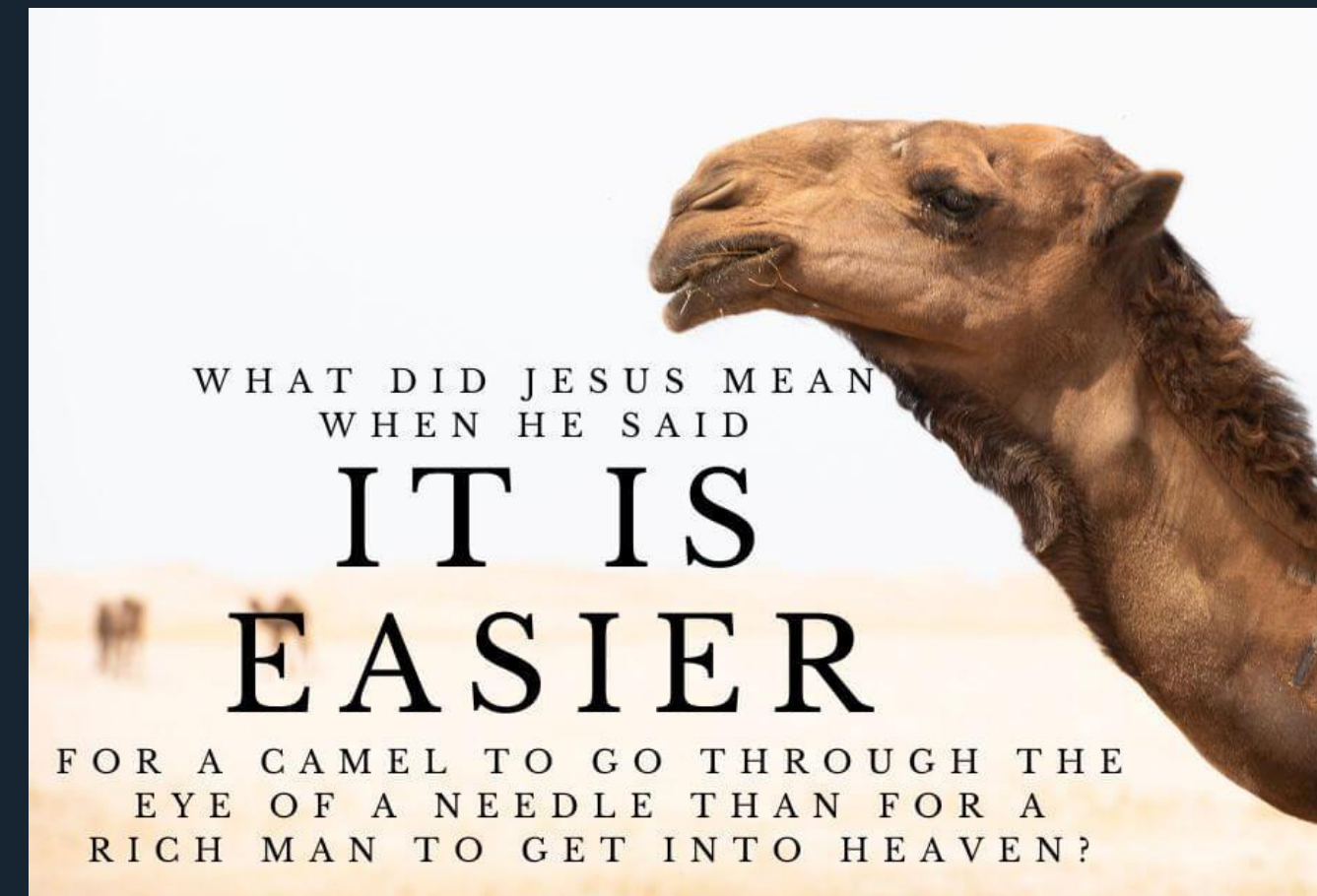
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MISUNDERSTANDINGS OR MISREADINGS OF THE BIBLE.

- Train a child – Prov 22:6
cultural Hebrew thinking
- Eye of a needle – Luke 18:25
No physical evidence of a gate

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OR MISREADINGS OF THE BIBLE.**

**WE CAN TRUST THE BIBLE AS
INERRANT BECAUSE TRUTH MATTERS.**



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*And the words of the Lord are flawless,
like silver purified in a crucible, like
gold refined seven times.*

Psalms 12:6

So why is it important to trust the bible as inerrant?

The bible stands and falls as a whole



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Above a
unders
spoke



and they



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*For the word of God is alive and powerful.
It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged
sword, cutting between soul and spirit,
between joint and marrow.*

Hebrews 4:12

The bible judges our hearts not the other way round



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*He will be your sure foundation,
providing a rich store of salvation,
wisdom, and knowledge.*

Isaiah 33: 6

The bible is a reflection of its author



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Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding, or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God.

2 Peter 1:20,21

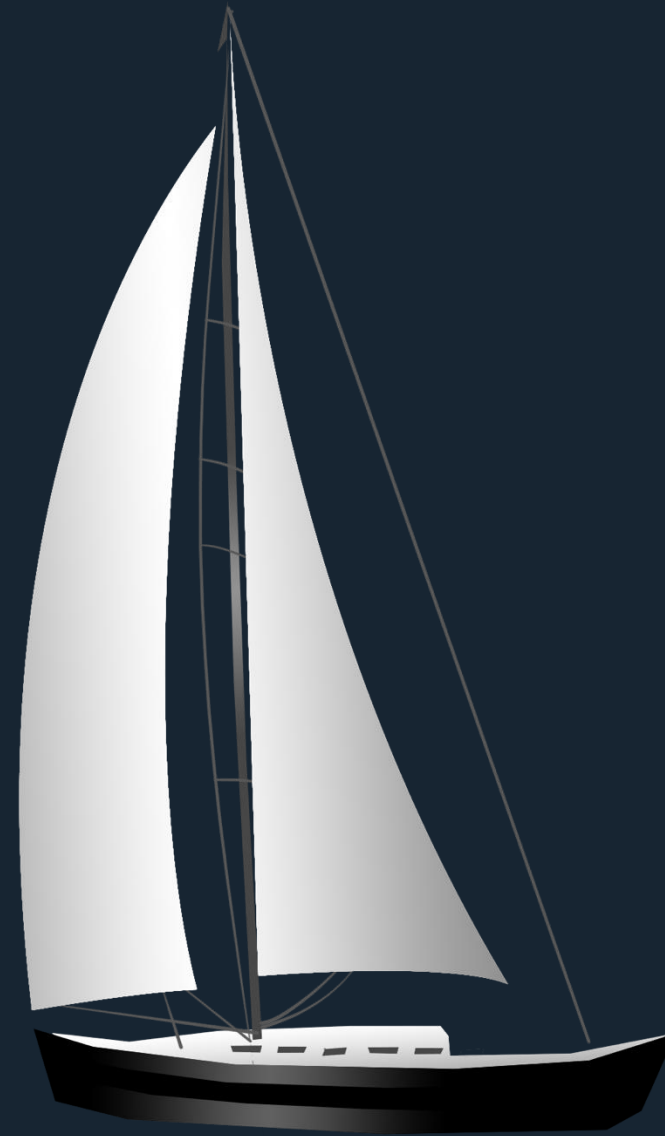
The bible is our rule of faith and practice

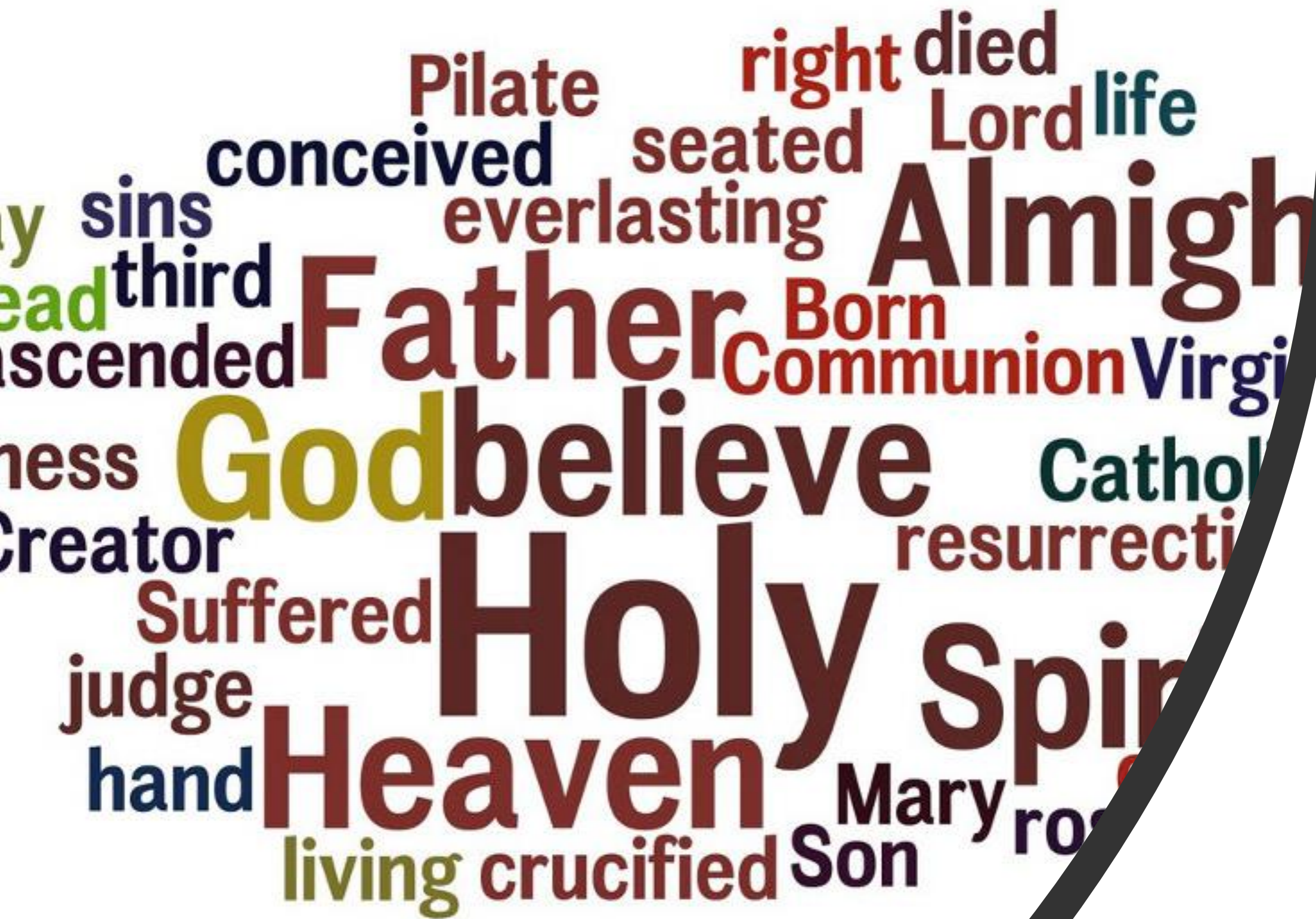


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Pherō = “to bear” or “to carry.”





The Apostles Creed: *Affirming Our Faith*

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven
and earth.**



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**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by
the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary.**



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**suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died,
and was buried;
he descended to the dead**



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**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the
right hand of the Father,**



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**He will come to judge the
living and the dead.**



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**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,**



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**I believe in the
resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**



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