

**Outline #3** Jesus and the Apostles' View of the Bible

Let the Word of Christ – Colossians 3:16

**1. How Jesus related to the Bible**

- a) Matthew 4:3-4, 5-7, 8-11
- b) Matthew 21:13
- c) What important lessons can we learn from Jesus about how to relate to the Word of God?
- d) Share a time when you were convicted to hide the Word of God in your heart.
- e) Why is it dangerous to be ignorant about the Word of God? Psalm 119:105, John 12:35b, Matthew 22:29

**2. Jesus and the Law**

- a) Matthew 5:17-20
- b) Matthew 5:21-22, 27,28 What important truth is Jesus stating in these verses?
- c) How would you respond to those who say, “We only need to obey the spirit of the law, not the letter?”
- d) Matthew 22:37-40
- e) Matthew 23:2-3
- f) Matthew 15:3-9 How did Jesus respond to those who wanted to place tradition before the clear teaching of the Word of God?

**3. Jesus—the Focal Point of the Scriptures**

- a) Luke 24:13-16, 17-24, 25-27
- b) Luke 24:44-45
- c) John 5:39-40 How does this warning of Jesus relate to our lives today?

**4. Jesus and the historicity of the Bible**

- a) Matthew 19:4-5 (Mark 10:6-8)– referring to creation
- b) Luke 11:51 – referring to Abel
- c) Matthew 24:38 – referring to Noah and the flood
- d) John 3:14 – referring to Moses
- e) Matthew 12:3-4 – referring to David
- f) Matthew 12:38-40 – referring to Jonah
- g) Luke 4:25-27 – referring to Elijah
- h) How should we relate to people who view the stories of the Bible as myths?

**5. The Apostles and the Bible**

- a) Acts 4:24-26
- b) Acts 13:32-36
- c) Romans 9:17
- d) Galatians 3:8
- e) Why do New Testament writers make 2,688 specific references to the Hebrew Scriptures?
- f) Some Christians only accept the New Testament as authoritative and relevant for followers of Jesus. What can we learn from our study today?
- g) Share a time when the Holy Spirit impressed you with the importance of the Bible for your life today.

