



***“You search the scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness to me; yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.”***

John 5

### **Jesus is Lord of the scriptures.**

Jesus was the Word of God before the scriptures existed.

Jesus was with Abraham on Mount Moriah, when he was about to sacrifice Isaac.

***“Before Abraham was, I AM!”***

John 8

Jesus was with Moses at the Burning Bush.

Jesus was breathing upon Isaiah as he wrote,

***All we like sheep have gone astray.***

***And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.***

From Genesis to Revelation the Spirit of Jesus is the Word that breaks through our frail, flawed, stumbling human words.

For those who have eyes to see and ears to hear,

**Jesus IS the Word of God.**

### **Jesus opens the scripture.**

***“Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the way, and as he opened to us the scripture!”***

(Luke 24)

The risen Lord opened the scriptures to these disciples in a way which was impossible before Calvary. He continues to open scriptures to this day.

If I come to the scriptures looking for ammunition for my doctrinal debate, I will find just what I'm looking for. But it will be dead words.

If I come to the scriptures seeking light from God, Jesus himself will turn on the light.

If I pray constantly for the Lord Jesus to shed his light on scriptures, he will constantly answer my prayer.

### **Jesus fulfills scripture.**

Jesus kept reminding his disciples that he was fulfilling scripture.

His death on the cross was the fulfillment of Isaiah 53.

***All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned—every one—to his own way;  
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.***

His resurrection, too, was the fulfillment of Isaiah 53.

***Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;  
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,  
make many to be accounted righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.  
Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,  
because he poured out his soul to death  
and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
and makes intercession for the transgressors.***



As we read those words Jesus is fulfilling scripture before our eyes.

**He is lifting us into the kingdom world and giving us a foretaste of the coming glory.**

**Jesus is better than any commentary.**

We love to turn to commentaries to figure out what's happening in the world of the scriptures,  
to understand difficult words,  
to grasp the meaning of difficult prophecies.

The danger is that we become focused on details, side-tracked into the trivial.

It is far better to take that difficult passage of scripture and lay it before the Lord Jesus.

*"Lord, this passage baffles me."*

*"Lord, please show me what this means."*

*"I'm going to lay this one before you and let it alone until you're ready to make it clear."*

*"Lord Jesus, as I read scripture keep me focused on the one thing needful."*

The Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, is the witness of ordinary men and women like us, who encountered the HOLY.

God broke in on their lives.

God spoke to them.

God saved them.

God judged them.

God lifted them into his world, his kingdom.

When we read scriptures with our eyes on Jesus, he brings us into that world.



He speaks to us.

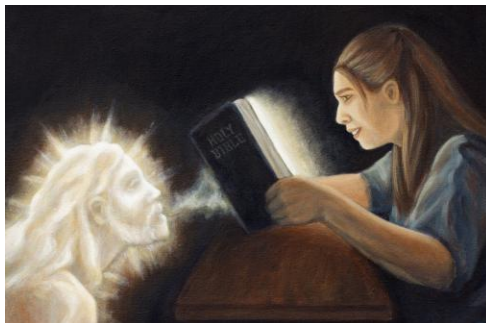
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**Scripture, from beginning to end, is a witness to Jesus, the Living Word.**

**Jesus alone can open its mysteries.**



**Jesus alone can release its power.**

*Prayer: Lord Jesus, we want to know you more than mere bible passages and quotes. We want to know You. You- who the scriptures point to, You- who loved us so much that you poured out your life for us. You- who offer so much to us. Help us to stop using scripture itself as an idol, as a weapon, as a divider, as know-it-alls. Instead, may it draw us ever closer to you, the Holy one. May your presence burn within us as we hear you speaking to us through the scriptures. Keep breaking into our lives, keep lifting us into your Kingdom, keep filling us with your light, keep opening our hearts so we may love you and others more deeply and continuously answer your call to pour mercy and redemption into this world. Amen.*

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