

Scripture - Luke 24:13-35 The Emmaus Road
Part 6 - Sufficiency: Is the Bible Enough?
(Christ-centeredness)

This fall for our Bible study we're asking - what is the Bible? So we're asking all these fun, hard questions about the Bible that the Bible asks and answers about itself. The question today is about the sufficiency of the Bible: Is the Bible enough?

Is the Bible enough? "Enough" for what?
That is the question.

Is the Bible enough to tell us about how to do life? Is the point of the Bible to tell us how to live? What is the point of the Bible?

[Emmaus Road] Let's jump in and read about Jesus explaining the whole Bible himself in Luke 24:13-35.

So what is the Bible about?
It's about Jesus.

After his death and resurrection Jesus meets two of his disciples on a road and he doesn't let them recognize him at first. And they're sad because they think Jesus is dead and they thought Jesus would be their king and deliver them. But they still didn't understand what that meant. They still didn't understand what to make of Jesus. So Jesus walks them through the OT explaining how it all pointed to him. V.27 Luke says that "beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself." Just a few verses later, in v.44, when Jesus appeared to the eleven remaining disciples, Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, which included "everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms."

All that stuff from Genesis to Malachi - it's all about Jesus. **All the Old Testament**

Scriptures point to Jesus and are fulfilled in Jesus down to the smallest detail.

Can you imagine hearing Jesus walking you through the Old Testament? Did Jesus start with creation, then the Fall; did he talk about Noah, the flood, and that he's the true ark, what does the Tower of Babel have to do with Jesus; Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, slavery in Egypt, the 10 plagues, the Passover, the conquest of Canaan, the kingdom of Israel, all the kings, the prophets, the priests, the Temple stuff, the altar, the sacrificial system, the laver wash basin, the incense, the menorah lamp, the holy place, the holy of holies, the curtain, the ark - all of it together as well as each piece is about him, that he is the true Prophet, Priest, and King, the Messiah, Christ, that's he's true Israel, he's the true Adam, the fulfillment of the promises made to Abraham, the greater Moses, the greater David, that Rahab the prostitute, Deborah the Judge, Esther the Queen are Christ figures, the Psalms are about him, the Prophets heralded him, he is Lady Wisdom in the Proverbs, did he explain that his life, his miracles, his teaching, his death, his resurrection were all predicted in the OT?

[Christ Centered Hermeneutic] This gives us another very crucial hermeneutic = a crucial method for interpreting the Bible. Just like we got to read the Bible like it's written by God and men; just like we got to read the Bible like it's all true; just like we got to read a passage in the Bible asking what the author means, what God means and NOT what we want it to mean; just like we got to pay attention to the grammar and words of a passage, and the context, and the history; just like we got to read and interpret a passage of the Bible like it's part of the one

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big story of the Bible; just like we got to use the clearer passages of the Bible to make sense of the more complicated passages in the Bible - another crucial hermeneutic is to read all the Bible like it's all about Jesus. This is a **Christ-centered** hermeneutic.

You need the Old Testament to understand the New Testament but you also need the New Testament to understand the Old Testament. There are 66 books in the Bible. 39 OT books and 27 NT books, written over a thousand years, in three different languages, by more than 40 authors, on three different continents. And it all points to Jesus.

[Sufficiency] So is the Bible enough?

Yes the Bible is enough to tell us about Jesus and his salvation and how he is the only Savior and the only way for anyone who has ever lived to get to heaven. So the Bible is enough **TO KNOW SALVATION, TO KNOW OUR SAVIOR, TO KNOW GOD, TO KNOW WHO WE ARE AND WHERE WE COME FROM AND WHERE WE ARE GOING.**

The Bible answers all of the big and most important questions mankind has. One of my seminary professors use to say, "The answer to every interesting question is Jesus, and if he's not the answer then the question isn't all that interesting."

The Bible is enough, the Bible is **sufficient** for faith and life.

So do we NEED any other source of special revelation to know about God or heaven or what's good or evil or how to get to heaven?

Problem: *I need more than the Bible. I need to hear God's voice myself. I need God to part the skies and show himself to me to*

really believe he's real. I need to see a miracle. To know heaven is real I need to hear about a little boy dying and going to heaven and then coming back and telling me about how he saw his grandfather. I need to hear God tell me who to marry and what I should do for a job.

Answer: To say the Bible is **sufficient** means the Bible tells us everything we need to believe to be saved and how to live grateful lives to God for his salvation.

To say the Bible is **sufficient** DOES NOT mean the Bible tells you how to change the tires on a car or how to do laundry or how to bake bread or how to do calculus.

But, a lot of people want God to reveal everything to them like where to live, what to study in college, who to marry, what kind of car to buy... And because that stuff is not in the Bible some people try to "listen for a word from God." They try to sense "nudges" or "promptings by the Holy Spirit" speaking to them through signs, or things like music lyrics. Some people in the church even claim to be able to hear God talking to them directly and they claim to have a message from God for other people. These are false claims. Lies.

What is God's will for your life?

Love God with all your heart and your neighbor as yourself - Mark 12:30-31

What must you do to be saved?

Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved - Acts 16:31

What is God's will for the church? And what is his promise to the church?

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the

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Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them to observe all that I have
commanded you. And behold, I am with you
always, to the end of the age - Matthew
28:19-20

The **sufficiency** of Scripture tells us that we
need no other kind of "special revelation" in
order to live.

2 Timothy 3:16-17, "All Scripture is breathed
out by God and profitable for teaching, for
reproof, for correction, and for training in
righteousness, that the man of God may be
complete, equipped for every good work."