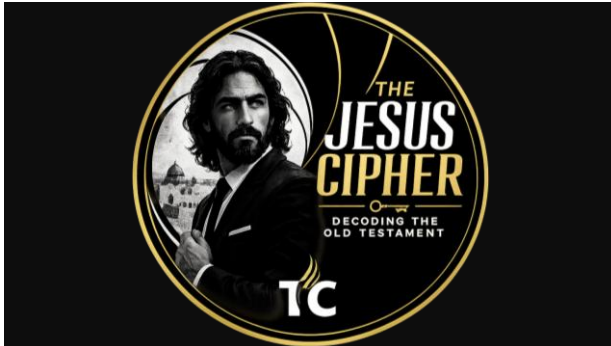




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HERMENEUTICS


- The way we interpret things
- Biblical Hermeneutics is the framework and method by which we determine/discover meaning in scripture

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Types of Hermeneutics

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness

2 Timothy 3:16 (NIV)

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Types of Hermeneutics

Literal Interpretation Scripture should be read as a primarily factual account unless clearly indicated as symbolic <i>Example:</i> Genesis 1 reads as literally six 24-hour periods of creation	Historical-Critical Method Understand scripture by examining historical context, authorship, audience, and purpose <i>Example:</i> Isaiah could lead to discussion of the combination of various texts
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Types of Hermeneutics

Allegorical Interpretation Biblical narratives as symbolic stories with spiritual meaning beyond the literal story <i>Example:</i> Jonah can be interpreted as an allegory of Christ's death and resurrection	Literary Criticism Examines biblical narrative techniques, genres, structure, rhetorical tools, etc. <i>Example:</i> Psalms might highlight the differences between poetic, metaphoric language vs. prophetic and theological
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Types of Hermeneutics

Canonical Criticism

Interprets all scripture within the larger context of the final biblical canon

Example:

Leviticus reveals how themes of God's intimate involvement with humanity is consistent throughout scripture

Reader Response Criticism

Focuses on contemporary readers' relationship to biblical text through their own history and experience

Example:

A modern reader from a marginalized community may have unique insights into Philemon

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CHRISTIC BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION



- Jesus Christ is the interpretive lens
- All of scripture is unified in purpose and inspiration
- Historical, Cultural, and Literal context illuminates intent
- Allegory and typology can reveal Kingdom truths
- Literary and rhetorical methods of authors provide insight
- Progressive revelation impacts application
- Scriptural TRUTH is not the same as biblical ACCURACY

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- The God of scripture MUST align with Jesus
- We do not follow the bible – we follow CHRIST!
- We do not read scripture to know more ABOUT God . . . We read to KNOW AND LOVE GOD more!

CHRISTIC BIBLICAL
INTERPRETATION

JESUS IS THE
STANDARD!

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Postures for Hermeneutics

If you had known me, you would have known my Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him.

John 14:7



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5 Postures

1. Spirit-led
2. Humility
3. Honesty
4. Reasonable
5. Graceful

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Submission to the revelation
and conviction of Holy Spirit

He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.

John 14:17

5 Postures

1. Spirit-led
2. Humility
3. Honesty
4. Reasonable
5. Graceful

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Willing to be wrong and be
corrected . . . or at least
challenged

Jesus replied, "Your mistake is that you don't know the Scriptures, and you don't know the power of God."

Mark 12:24

5 Postures

1. Spirit-led
2. Humility
3. **Honesty**
4. Reasonable
5. Graceful

Recognize facts and realities as well as the uncertain and the unknown

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

Luke 2:52

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5 Postures

1. Spirit-led
2. Humility
3. Honesty
4. **Reasonable**
5. Graceful

Applying sound judgement and good sense to the study of scripture

Why didn't you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.

Matthew 25:27

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5 Postures

1. Spirit-led
2. Humility
3. Honesty
4. Reasonable
5. **Graceful**

Allowing others to learn and understand differently than you

To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance.

Matthew 25:29

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Applying Hermeneutics

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6

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Application



- Did any of these hermeneutical approaches resonate with you more than the others? Which ones and why do you think that is?
- How can you be more aware of what is influencing or guiding your interpretation of scripture while you are reading?
- What questions can help activate a more Christological hermeneutic in your reading of scripture?

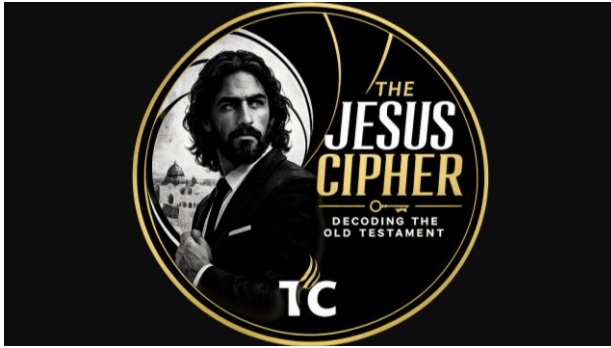
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THE IMPORTANCE OF FOUNDATION

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