

May 1st, 2022 Pastor Josh McPherson "Who Is Jesus"

"All Of The Bible Is About Jesus"

Luke 24:13-35

Hermeneutics:

The art and science of discovering and interpreting the meaning of something.

Biblical Hermeneutics:

The foundation upon which the superstructure of doctrine is built.

Where Does Meaning Lie?

- 1. One of Christianity's great gift to humanity is the historic conviction that meaning lies in *the author's intended meaning.*
- 2. The *author,* not the individual, is the authority.

2 Radical and Controversial Implications of Hermeneutical Realism:

- Meaning exists prior to interpretation by individual. (as opposed to reader-response hermeneutic = "I create meaning")
- 2. Meaning is recoverable and discoverable through rigorous study of the text and context.

"Jesus is the Hermeneutical Key to Understanding the Bible."

3 Big Ideas From the Text:

- 1. Jesus rose bodily from the dead (v.15)
- 2. You can be physically alive and spiritually blind (v.25-26)
- 3. The teaching of the word opens our blind eyes (v.27; 32)

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-John Calvin



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Discussion Questions:

Getting to Know Me

- 1. What stuck with you from the sermon?
- 2. Have you ever heard anyone saying the Old Testament is no longer relevant?
- 3. Have you heard of "Christocentric hermeneutics" or "Biblical theology" before? What is your reaction to the idea that "all of the Bible is about Jesus"?

Into the Bible

- 1. In your own words, what does "hermeneutics" mean? What difference does it make?
- 2. What attitudes toward scripture have you seen or heard?
- 3. How would you answer someone who said the Old Testament is pretty much irrelevant?
- 4. In His teaching, what does Jesus' attitude toward scripture seem to be? Would he say it's relevant or irrelevant, accurate and reliable or not reliable?
- 5. In Luke 24:25-27, Jesus spends his first post-resurrection conversation with his disciples explaining what scripture says about him. Why would he be so careful to tie his teaching back to scripture rather than just explaining the situation in his own words?

Application

- 1. What was your main takeaway from this week's worship service? What will you do about it?
- 2. What does 2 Timothy 3:16-17 say about scripture? How do you see the truth of this verse in your life?
- 3. In Luke 24:25-27, Jesus ties his explanations to scripture. How and why is that an important example for us?
- 4. What is one thing God is asking you to do, or one prayer God is calling you to pray, as a result of listening to this sermon?