



The Kingdom's Manual: Understanding Scripture Through Christ

Anchor Scriptures: 2 Timothy 3:15 | 1 Corinthians 2:9–12

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Salvation Comes With a Manual

When you receive Christ, you
receive a Kingdom operating guide.

Misunderstanding it leads to
error and misrepresentation.

Understanding comes
exclusively through Christ.

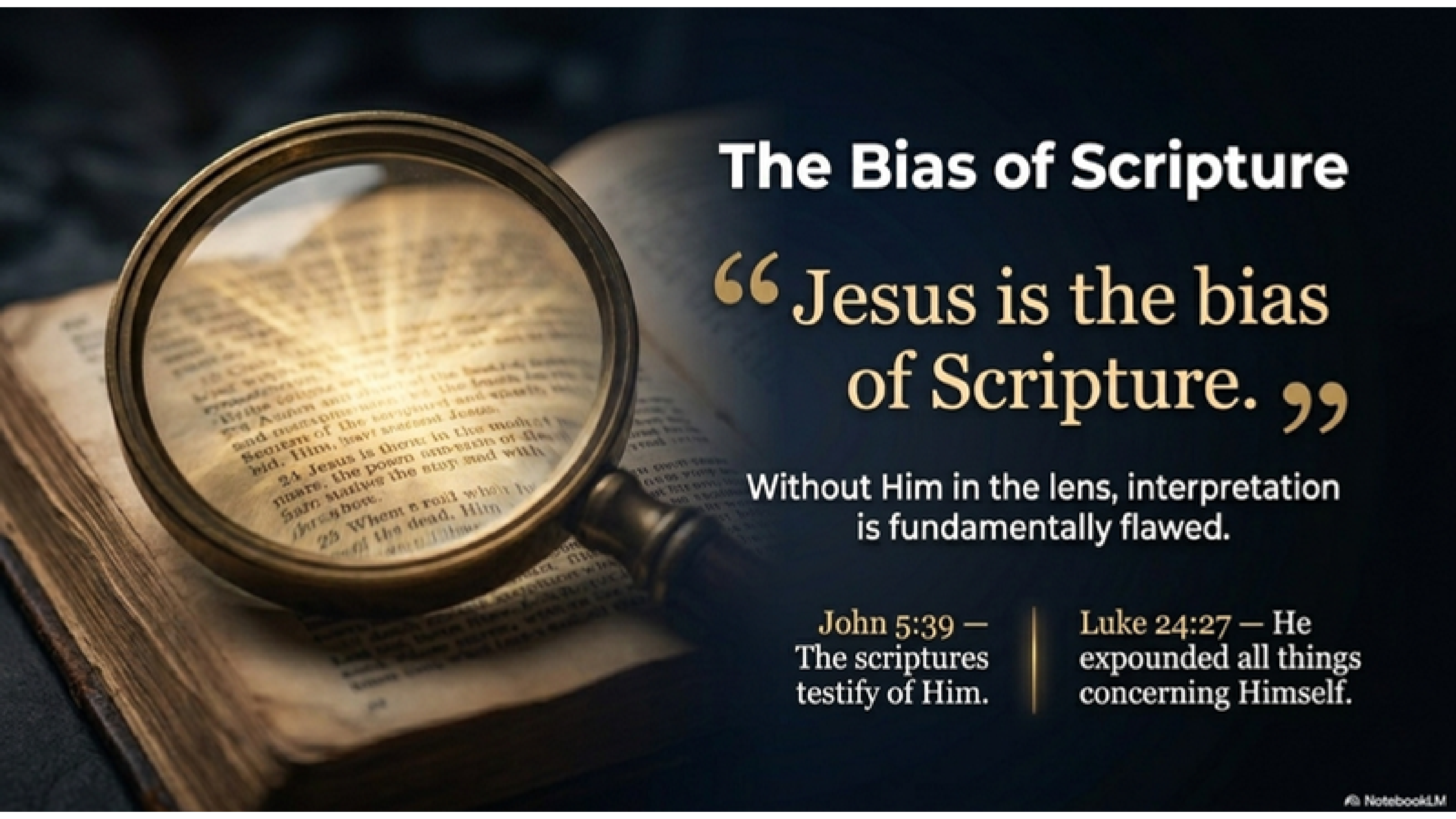
Jesus is the Full Expression of God

Jesus is not a “Junior God.”

He did not come to defend God;
He is God speaking for Himself.

He is the exact representation
of God's true character.





The Bias of Scripture

“Jesus is the bias
of Scripture.”

Without Him in the lens, interpretation
is fundamentally flawed.

John 5:39 —
The scriptures
testify of Him.

Luke 24:27 — He
expounded all things
concerning Himself.

The Progression of Understanding



1. Theology

The Study of God.
Understanding His nature and being.



2. Christology

The Revelation of Christ.
God's full self-expression realized.



3. Soteriology

The Doctrine of Salvation.
The revelation of the finished work on Calvary.



Truth is Eternal

Scripture cannot mean today what it didn't mean to its original audience.

Biblical interpretation cannot be subjected to the whims of civilization or modernity. We apply it; we do not edit it.

How You Study Determines What You See

✗ EISEGESIS (The Shadow)

Inserting personal idiosyncrasies and opinions.

Subjecting God's Word to personal interpretation.

Result: Misrepresenting God.

✓ EXEGESIS (The Light)

Letting the Bible speak for itself.

Allowing the text to be self-interpretive.

Result: Correct representation of God's character.



The Danger of the “Truly Stated”

**Not everything written in the Bible
is a statement of truth.**

The scriptures faithfully record events and human perspectives (they are “truly stated”). But without Christ’s revelation, these records can be misinterpreted as God’s character.

**Without proper revelation, God can
be misrepresented.**

The Progression of Revelation



1. Old Testament (The Shadows)

Mystery generation, partial revelation,
God speaking through prophets
(Hebrews 1:1).

2. Gospels (The Substance)

Eyewitness accounts, God speaking
directly, Jesus as the full image.

3. Epistles (The X-Ray)

The Glorified Man, advanced
teachings of Christ, the real
component for the modern believer.

OLD TESTAMENT

SHADOWS

A mystery generation.
God spoke in fragments
through prophets.
(Hebrews 1:1)

GOSPELS

THE SUBSTANCE

Eyewitness accounts.
Jesus as the full image
of God.

EPISTLES

THE X-RAY

The Glorified Man.
Advanced teaching and
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Resolving the Shadows

Truly Stated	Statements of Truth
1 Samuel 16:14 (Attributing an evil spirit to God)	1 John 1:5 (God is light; in Him is no darkness)
Job 1:20-22 (The Lord gave, the Lord took away)	James 1:13 & Job 42:5-6 (Job's fear allowed the enemy in; God tempts no one)
Isaiah 45:7 (I create evil)	James 1:16-17 (Every good and perfect gift is from above)

How to Study The Kingdom Manual

Pre-Text & Post-Text

Read contextually to get clarity.
(John 8:10, Phil 4:13)

The Law of First Mention

The first time a concept appears
sets the pattern. (Matt 16:17-18)

Old Testament Context

Using the OT as the backdrop for
NT writing. (1 Cor 2:9 quoting Isa
64:4)

Audience Context

Knowing exactly who was being
spoken to, and why.

The Character of God is Not Hard to Find

Right interpretation comes from knowing God's nature, which is perfectly revealed in Christ (Ephesians 3:3-5).

The Litmus Test (Galatians 5:22): **The Holy Spirit reflects His nature.**

The Fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace) are the exact proclivities of the life of **Jesus**. If an interpretation contradicts this character, it is flawed.



**If you miss Christ,
you miss the meaning.**

Read it through Him. Let it speak for itself.

Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard... but God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit. (1 Corinthians 2:9-10)