

Another "Gospel"

(How did Jesus view the scriptures)

Part 1

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A. Jesus and scripture

--He proclaimed scripture as objective truth

John 17:17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

--He acknowledged scripture as authoritative

Matthew 15:3-9 He answered them, "Why do you break God's commandment because of your tradition? ⁴ For God said:^[a] **Honor your father and your mother;**^[a] and, **Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must be put to death.**^[a] ⁵ But you say, 'Whoever tells his father or mother, "Whatever benefit you might have received from me is a gift committed to the temple," ⁶ he does not have to honor his father.'^[a] In this way, you have nullified the word of God^[a] because of your tradition. ⁷ Hypocrites! Isaiah prophesied correctly about you when he said:

⁸ **This people^[a] honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.**

⁹ **They worship me in vain, teaching as doctrines human commands.**"^[a]

Luke 16:17 But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one stroke of a letter in the law to drop out.

Matthew 5:17-18 "Don't think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter^[a] or one stroke of a letter will pass away from the law until all things are accomplished.

B. Jesus and the Old Testament

He believed in the authority of the Old Testament

--Leveraged OT against Satan

Matthew 4:1-11 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² After he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ Then the

tempter approached him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

⁴ He answered, "It is written: **Man must not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.**"^[a]

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city, had him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written:

He will give his angels orders concerning you, and they will support you with their hands so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."^[b]

⁷ Jesus told him, "It is also written: **Do not test the Lord your God.**"^[c]

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹ And he said to him, "I will give you all these things if you will fall down and worship me."^[d]

¹⁰ Then Jesus told him, "Go away,^[e] Satan! For it is written: **Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.**"^[e]

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and began to serve him.

--Referenced OT in practical faith decision making

"have you not read"

Matthew 12:³ He said to them, "Haven't you read what David did when he and those who were with him were hungry:

--Referenced OT as proof of his identity

John 5:17-18 sus responded to them, "My Father is still working, and I am working also." ¹⁸ This is why the Jews began trying all the more to kill him: Not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal to God.

--Jesus personally submitted to the authority of the OT

He was there to fulfill them

Matthew 5:17 "Don't think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to abolish but to fulfill.

--Jesus never changed his view on the OT after the resurrection

Road to Emmaus

Luke 24:²⁵ He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow[Ⓜ] to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Wasn't it necessary for the Messiah to suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted for them the things concerning himself in all the Scriptures.

Jerusalem

Luke 24:⁴⁴ He told them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He also said to them, "This is what is written:[Ⓜ] The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for[Ⓜ] forgiveness of sins will be proclaimed in his name to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

C. Jesus and the New Testament

--He "pre-authenticated" the writings

John 16:12 "I still have many things to tell you, but you can't bear them now.

--He said the apostles would get more revelation

II Peter 1:21 because no prophecy ever came by the will of man; instead, men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Close:

"In my desire to distance myself from sadistic Christians who revel in the idea of wrath and punishment, I may have crossed a line. Refusing to teach a passage of Scripture is just as wrong as abusing it. I really believe it's time for some of us to stop apologizing for God and start apologizing to Him for being embarrassed by the ways He has chosen to reveal Himself."

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