

Real World Skit

Two students talk about prophecy, the eternal nature of Jesus, and why all of the Bible is important.

Student 1: Look at my new Bible!

Student 2: It's so tiny! The words must be hard to read.

Student 1: It's not too bad. Here. See for yourself.

Student 2: Hmm. I can read it, but where's the rest of it?

Student 1: What do you mean?

Student 2: This is just a New Testament.

Student 1: That's all I need, right?

Student 2: What about the Old Testament? All of God's Word is important.

Student 1: I used to think that. Then someone told me the red letters in the New Testament are the most important. So I don't even need the Old Testament anymore.

Student 2: So you would say the words of Jesus are found only in the New Testament, in red?

Student 1: Right.

Student 2: What if I told you that you're missing some of the most important verses written ABOUT Jesus, and they start in the Old Testament.

Student 1: How could he be in the Old Testament?

Student 2: Well, here. Use my Bible. Open it up to the very beginning.

Student 1: Genesis?

Student 2: Yep. Jesus is in Genesis when God told the serpent that the offspring of Eve, meaning Jesus, would defeat Satan.

Student 1: I don't know about that.

Student 2: Now open the Bible to the middle.

Student 1: Psalms?

Student 2: Yep. Jesus is in the Psalms, too.

Student 1: I don't think so. This one says it's a psalm of David.

Student 2: Uh-huh. Now turn to the very last book.

Student 1: Revelation?

Student 2: That's it. Revelation records visions and prophecies of Jesus. AND he is in everything in between!

Student 1: Oh, come on. Jesus wasn't even alive when those books were written.

Student 2: But God is eternal, and Jesus is God.

Student 1: But how can you know that God wrote the whole Bible—REALLY?

Student 2: The Bible is the one book we can know is true because God is the Author of the whole book! It was written over a period of about 2,000 years. God inspired 40 different men from three continents to write his words—in three different languages! And even though all those men wrote it, it doesn't have any mistakes!

Student 1: That's pretty amazing. I can't imagine 40 people working together on one project and not making any mistakes. Just having three of us work together on our class science project at school was a mess!

Student 2: Right. Only God could have produced the Bible! And do you know about the prophecies?

Student 1: Prophecies are predictions of the future, right? (*Announcer voice*) I predict that you're going to tell me something about prophecies.

Student 2: (*laughing*) Well, a prediction is a guess based on what you know. But a prophecy is when God reveals something that will happen FOR SURE. God knows the future because he's omniscient.

Student 1: Om-what?

Student 2: Omniscient. It means God knows everything! He knows your thoughts now, and he knows what's going to happen tomorrow and what's going to happen in 20 years—to everyone and everything!

Student 1: And Jesus does, too?

Student 2: That's right, 'cause Jesus is God! We can read God's prophecies and see how many of them have already happened.

Student 1: You mean like things about Jesus' birth?

Student 2: Yes, that he would be born of a virgin and born in Bethlehem.

Student 1: That's kinda funny. Jesus (God) gave a prophecy of his own birth. But where did he predict that?

Student 2: It's not a prediction, remember? When God tells what will happen, it's a prophecy. God told the prophets Micah and Isaiah and others what would happen so they could write it in the Bible many years before Jesus was born.

Student 1: That's pretty cool. I guess I have a lot to learn. Can you show me more things about prophecy?

Student 2: You'll need a different Bible.

Student 1: Okay. Tomorrow I'll bring my big one with ALL the books!

Student 2: Good idea!