



Search the Scriptures

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The Big Idea: You can have confidence in the Bible's claims about Jesus Christ by searching

the scriptures to see that the gospel is true.

Acts 17 NIV 11 Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. 12 Many of the Jews believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men.

Questions for every skeptic and believer:

Do you believe that the Scriptures are self-authenticating? (1-4)

2 Peter 1:20-21 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

The N.T. is in the O.T. concealed. The O.T. is in the N.T. revealed.

What did he teach the Thessalonians? Two things, unheard of, though explicitly predicted in scripture: (v.3)

1. The Messiah had to suffer.
2. The Messiah was raised from the dead.

Astronomer Robert Jastrow sums it up this way. "For the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power of reason, the story ends like a bad dream... he is about to conquer the highest peak [of scientific truth]; as he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries."

Robert Jastrow, *The Intellectuals Speak Out About God*

Will you accept scripture that challenges your beliefs or lifestyle? (5-9)

Spiritual things are only discerned by spiritual people.

Are you willing to search the Scriptures to see if the gospel is true? (10-12)

Messianic Prophecies

Rejection by Jews and Gentiles: Psa. 2:1; 22:12; 41:5; 56:5; 69:8; 118:22-23; Isa. 6:9-10; 8:14; 29:13; 53:1; 65:2

Persecution: Psa. 22:6; 35:7, 12; 56:5; 71:10; 109:2; Isa. 49:7; 53:3

Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem: Psa. 8:2; 118:25-26; Zech. 9:9

Betrayal by Own Friend: Psa. 41:9; 55:13; Zech 13:6

Betrayal for Thirty Pieces: Zech. 11:12

Betrayer's Death: Psa. 55:15, 23; 109:17

Purchase of Potter's Field: Zech 11:13

Desertion by Disciples: Zech 13:7

False Accusation: Psa. 27:12; 35:11; 109:2; Psa. 2:1-2

Silence Under Accusation: Psa. 38:13; Isa. 53:7

Mocking: Psalm 22:7-8, 16; 109:25

Insult, Beating, Spitting, Scourging: Psa. 35:15-, 21; Isa. 50:6

Patience Under Suffering: Isa. 53:7-9

Crucifixion: Psa. 22:14, 17

Offer of Gall and Vinegar: Psa. 69:21

Prayer for Enemies: Psa. 109:4

Cries Upon the Cross: Psa. 22:1; 31:5

Death in Prime of Life: Psa. 89:45; 102:24

Death with Criminals: Isaiah 53:9, 12

Death Attested by Convulsions of Nature: Amos 5:20; Zech 14:4-6

Casting Lots for Clothing: Psa. 22:18

Bones not to be Broken: Psa. 34:20

Piercing: Psa. 22:16; Zech 12:10; 13:6

Voluntary Death: Psa. 40:6-8

Vicarious Suffering: Isa. 53:4-6, 12; Dan 9:26

Burial with the Rich: Isa. 53:9

HIS RESURRECTION: Psalm 16:8-10; 30:3; 41:10; 118:17;

Hosea 6:2

HIS ASCENSION: Psalm 16:11; 24:7; 68:18; 110:1; 118:19

HIS SECOND COMING: Psalm 50:3-6; Isa. 9:6-7; 66:18; Dan

7:13-14; Zech. 12:10; 14:4-8.

"But these have been written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name" (John 20:31)