



DISCIPLESHIP MASTERCLASS

STRINGING PEARLS

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How did Jesus
interpret the
scripture?

What was the Bible that Jesus read?



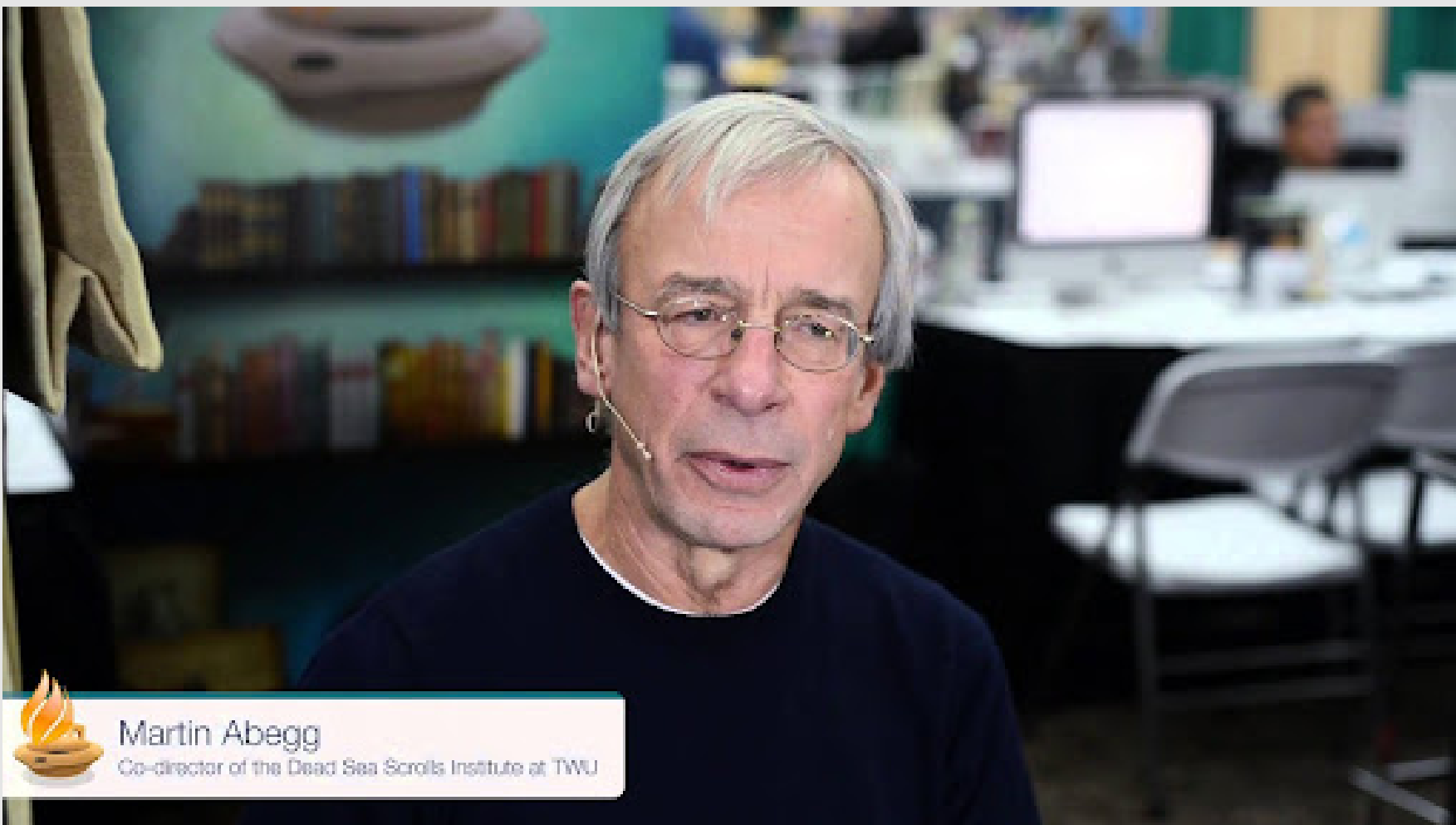




ISAIAH 66:8

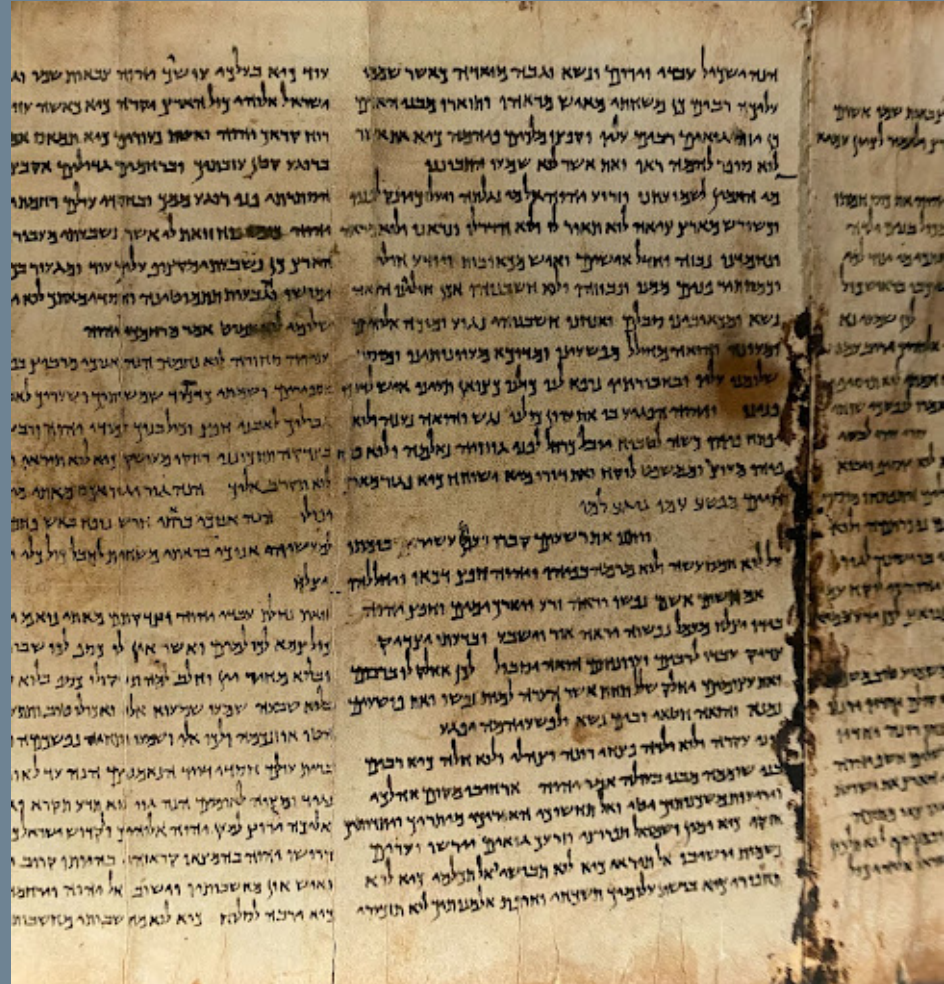
“Who has ever heard of such things? Who has ever seen things like this? Can a country be born in a day or a nation be brought forth in a moment?”





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Isaiah 1:2

“I have raised
children and brought
them up, but they
have rebelled
against me!”

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

“Do you hear what these children are saying?”



Matthew 21:16

Jesus replied, “Have you never read, ‘from the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise?’ (Matt 21:16)

Psalms 8:2

From the lips of children and infants,
you have ordained praise because of
*your enemies to silence the foe and the
avenger.*

Instead of Jesus
saying it, He used
the Old Testament to
say it.

How did Jesus interpret scripture?
Shouldn't that impact how we interpret
and read scripture?

MATTHEW 5:17

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

In fact, there are times when knowing what Jesus doesn't say becomes as important as knowing what he does say. In other words, the passages from which Jesus quoted provide background for understanding his meaning more fully. If we miss his reference, we may miss his point.



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MATTHEW 18:21-22

“Peter asks, “ Lord, how many times shall I forgive someone who sins against me? Up to seven times?”

Jesus responds, “I tell you, not seven times, but **seventy-seven times**”

Genesis 4:24 shares Lamech's words:

“I have killed a man for wounding me, a young man for injuring me; If Cain is avenged seven times, then Lamech seventy-seven times.”

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Jews refer to their scriptures as the Tanakh.

The word is an acronym derived from the first letters of the three sections of Scripture:

T- Torah (Teaching/Law) - The five books of Moses

N- Neviim (Prophets) - The historical and prophetic books - Joshua, Judges, Isaiah etc.

K- Ketuvim (Writings) - Psalms, Proverbs, Job, Ecclesiastes, etc.



Seven Rules of Hillel.

Gezerah Shavah, which means “a comparison of equals.”

“I was linking up the words of the Torah with one another, and then the words of the prophets, and the prophets with the writings, and the words rejoiced as on the day they were delivered from Sinai. And were they not originally delivered from Sinai in fire?” Ben Aszzai, a rabbi from the early second century.

Luke 24:18-24

They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people.

Luke 24:18-24

The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive.

Luke 24:18-26

Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.” He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

Verse 32 They asked each other, “Were not our hearts **burning** within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

- Blessed are the poor in spirit ...
(Ish. 57:15, 66:1-2)
- Blessed are those who mourn...
(Ish. 61:1-2; 66:2-3,10, 13)
- Blessed are the meek...
(Ps. 37:11)

- Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness...
- (Ish. 25:6; 55:1-2)
- Blessed are the pure in heart...
(Ps. 24:4)
- Blessed are you when people insult you...
(Ish. 51:7-8; 66:5)

The whole New
Testament is a
fulfillment of God
divinely
connecting the
dots (stringing
pearls) through
Jesus!

MARK 1:11

“You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”



“You are my son” is from Psalm 2:7: “He said to me, ‘You are my Son; today I have become your father.’”

“Whom I love” is from Genesis 22:2:
“Take your son, your only son, Isaac,
whom you love, and go to the region
of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt
offering on one of the mountains I will
tell you about.”

“With you I am well pleased” is from Isaiah 42:1: “Here is my servant, whom I uphold; my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on Him, and he will bring justice to the nations.”



JOHN 10:14-15

“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep, and my sheep know me - just as the Father knows me and I know the father - and I lay down my life for the sheep.”

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want... He leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.

Jesus was evoking power because a shepherd was often used as an image to describe kings.

In Isaiah, for instance, King Cyrus of Persia is called a “shepherd” (44:28), and in Psalm 78:71-71 King David is pictured as shepherding God’s people.

Ezekiel 34

MATTHEW 2:6

“But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.”

MATTHEW 25:31-32

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

EZEKIEL 34:17

“And as for you, my flock, this is what the Sovereign LORD says to his people: I will judge between one animal of the flock and another, separating the sheep from the goats.

The Son of man. Over 80 times in the gospels, Jesus uses this phrase in the third person to describe himself. What does Jesus mean?

DANIEL 7:13

“One like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven.”

“given authority,
glory and
sovereign
power.”

DANIEL 7:13-14

“all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.”

In Mark 13:26, 14:62, and Luke 21:27,
Jesus then speaks of himself as the son of
man who will come in glory on the clouds.



Son of man is a phrase that summarizes Jesus speaking of his humanity, his coming glory, and his role as judge and Savior of all the earth.



GALATIANS 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

PROVERBS 25:2

It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings.

ANY QUESTIONS?

