BIBLIOLOGY CLASS 01
INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF THE BIBLE

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The Bible is under attack
DA VINCI CODE ATTACKS
“The Bible is a product of man, my dear. Not of God. The Bible did not fall magically from the clouds. Man created it as a historical record of tumultuous times, and it has evolved through countless translations, additions, and revisions. History has never had a definitive version of the book.” (p. 231)
ATTACKS ON JESUS
NEWSWEEK ATTACKS
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How is it a book that’s been available for 2,000 years is a “secret” and was “lost”?
THE SO-CALLED SEARCH FOR THE REAL JESUS
(because they don’t like the Jesus we have already)
THE TRUTH HAS BEEN HIDDEN?
TWO THOUSAND YEARS LATER WE DON’T KNOW?
THE BIBLE IS INCOMPLETE?
They're searching for the Jesus they want to find. But he's the one that does not exist. That's why they are still searching.

• In 2000, ABC’s Peter Jennings Reporting: *The Search for Jesus*, had 16 million viewers!
Oh pardon me, I thought Christ was his last name
What the Bible says about the Bible
THE BIBLE IS GOD’S WORD

• Romans 1:2 which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures,

• Romans 16:26 but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, leading to obedience of faith;
THE BIBLE IS TRUE

• John 2:22
• So when He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He said this; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken.
THE BIBLE CAN’T BE “BROKEN”

• John 10:35
• (and the Scripture cannot be broken),
The Bible is Supernatural

- Matthew 26:54
  - How then will the Scriptures be fulfilled, which say that it must happen this way?”
- Matthew 26:56
  - But all this has taken place to fulfill the Scriptures of the prophets
- Mark 14:49
  - but this has taken place to fulfill the Scriptures.”
- Mark 15:28
  - And the Scripture was fulfilled
- Luke 4:21
  - And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”…
The Bible is Supernatural

- John 13:18
- ; but it is that the Scripture may be fulfilled
- John 17:12
- so that the Scripture would be fulfilled.

- John 19:24
- this was to fulfill the Scripture:
- John 19:28
- After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, to fulfill the Scripture,
- John 19:36
- For these things came to pass to fulfill the Scripture,
The Bible is Supernatural

• Acts 1:16
• “Brethren, the Scripture had to be fulfilled,

• 1 Corinthians 15:3 that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
• 1 Corinthians 15:4 and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,
THE BIBLE PIERCES HEARTS

- Luke 24:32
- They said to one another, “Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?”
WE CAN FIND ETERNAL LIFE IN THE BIBLE

• John 5:39

• You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me;
IN THE BIBLE WE CAN KNOW CHRIST

• Luke 4:21
• ...Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.
WE CAN FIND HOPE AND GUIDANCE IN THE BIBLE

• Romans 15:4 For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.
BIBLE IS FOR OUR…

• 1 Timothy 4:13 Until I come, give attention to the **public reading of Scripture, to exhortation and teaching.**

• 2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;
What should we be doing?
READ IT!!

• Matthew 21:42
• Jesus *said to them, “Did you never read in the Scriptures,
EXAMINE IT

• Acts 17:11 examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.
• Matthew 22:29
• But Jesus answered and said to them, “You are mistaken, not understanding the Scriptures nor the power of God.

• Mark 12:24
• Jesus said to them, “Is this not the reason you are mistaken, that you do not understand the Scriptures or the power of God?

• Luke 24:45
• Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,
• 2 Peter 1:20

• But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation,
PROCLAIM IT

• Acts 8:35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him.
Acts 17:2
he reasoned with them from the Scriptures,
Reason:
to convince, persuade, etc., by reasoning.
DEMONSTRATE FROM IT

- Acts 18:28,
- demonstrating by the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ.
- Demonstrate:
- to make evident or establish by arguments or reasoning; prove:
BEGIN WITH PRAYER
Psalm 119:33-37 Our Requests

• Teach me, O Lord, the lifestyle prescribed by your statutes,
  – so that I might observe it continually.
• Give me understanding
  – so that I might observe your law,
  – and keep it with all my heart.
• Guide me in the path of your commands,
  – for I delight to walk in it.
• Give me a desire for your rules,
  – rather than for wealth gained unjustly.
• Turn my eyes away from what is worthless!
• Revive me with your word!
• Now we do speak
  – wisdom
    • among the mature,
  – but not a wisdom
    • of this age or of the rulers of this age,
      – who are perishing.
• Instead we speak
  – the wisdom
    • of God,
    • hidden in a mystery,
    • that God determined
      – before the ages
  » for our glory.
1 Corinthians 2:6-16

• None of the rulers of this age understood it.
  – If they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

• But just as it is written, “Things that no eye has seen, or ear heard, or mind imagined, are the things God has prepared for those who love him.”
God has revealed these to us by the Spirit.

For the Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.
ILLUMINATION
1 Corinthians 2:6-16

• For who among men knows
  – the things of a man
    • except the man’s spirit within him?
• So too, no one knows
  – the things of God
    • except the Spirit of God.
• Now we have not received
  – the **Spirit**
    • of the world,
  – but the **Spirit**
    • who is from God,
• so that
  – we may know
    • the things
      – that are freely given to us
        » by God.
1 Corinthians 2:6-16

- And we speak about these things,
  - not with words
    - taught us
      - by human wisdom,
  - but with those
    - taught
      - by the Spirit,
  - explaining Spiritual things
    - to Spiritual people.
• The unbeliever does not receive
  • the things of the Spirit of God,
    – for they are foolishness to him.

• And he cannot understand
  • them,
    – because they are Spiritually discerned.