

Unlocking the Mystery: Introduction to Bible Study

Introduction

Purposes

Present the plan for salvation

John 20:31, Genesis 3:15, Revelation 20:10

Meet God

John 5:39, John 1:14

Guide for life

Psalm 1:1-3, Psalm 119:105, Psalm 119:9-11, 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Baseline for evaluating other sources of information

Acts 17:11

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Inspired by God

2 Timothy 3:16

God worked through about 40 people

Inspired and Inerrant

What does "inspired and inerrant" mean?

What was the process of inspiration?

2 Peter 1:21

Why do Christians believe that the Bible is inspired and without error?

2 Timothy 3:16, John 10:34-35, 2 Timothy 3:15, Romans 1:2, 2 Timothy 1:2,
Romans 3:2, Matthew 7:28-29

Comparison with other "holy" books

The Koran (Qur'an, meaning, "Book") of Islam

The Vedas, Upanishads and the Bhagavad Gita of Hinduism

The Tipitaka ("Three Baskets") of Buddhism, and the Tao Te Ching of Zen

Cults

Other writings offer “a way,” requiring self-effort. The Bible introduces Jesus Christ Who is “The Way,” requiring faith, which is a grace-gift from God.

John 14:6, Hebrews 11:6, John 8:32

The Great Messages of the Bible

Law – What should man do?

Exodus 20:20, 1 Timothy 1:9

Romans 3:20; Romans 7:7; Galatians 3:24; Joshua 24:19-20; James 2:8-11

Psalm 119:9, 105; Romans 6:2-22; Ephesians 5:15-17

Gospel – What has God done? What does God do today? What is God’s promise for tomorrow?

John 14:6, John 3:16, Matthew 9:36

1 Timothy 1:15, Romans 5:8, John 8:24, Matthew 5:48

Galatians 3:2-3, Romans 1:16

Balance

Ephesians 4:15 Speaking the truth in love

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