

BIBLE READING | *Understanding An Ancient Text*

The Bible is a fascinating and invaluable resource for exploring and understanding the depths of who God is and how he loves. Understanding the unique way in which it was written and the different types of literature found within will go a long way towards helping you know how to accurately apply the truth in this beautiful and ancient book to your own 21st century life.

The below message series sheds light on many of the common questions and confusions surrounding how to read the Bible for all it's worth. (**NOTE: Talk #1 lays an essential foundation for how to understand the rest of the talks in the series – start there, if you can!**)

Bible Study Sermon Series (Aug-Sept 2015)

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Talk 1	Holy & Human	How should we understand the interplay between God's inspiration and the humanity of the writers?
Talk 2	Science & Story	How do present-day scientific realities and the seemingly fantastical stories of Scripture work together to reveal an accurate portrait of God?
Talk 3	Fact & Fiction	How can we know when we are reading a historically factual account or simply a creative story? What do we do when the Bible's "facts" don't seem to line up?
Talk 4	Answers & Application	How can we understand the confusing and sometimes-inconsistent picture of God found in Scripture? How does a God of love call for the destruction of entire nations of people?
Talk 5	Rules & Rationale	Is the Bible as a rulebook, with clear cut answers to 'right' and 'wrong'? What do we do when the rules get complicated, even conflict with one another?
Talk 6	Religion & Revelation	Does the Bible represent a religion, or is there a deeper revelation going on inside the pages of this book? Is something actually more important than the Bible?

** note: messages are displayed in the opposite order (to above) on the series webpage*