

A Lesson On Understanding The Bible

Introduction

1. The Bible holds all the answers to man's most important questions.
2. These answers will only be discovered by a proper understanding of God's Word.
 - a. This understanding comes from reading (Ephesians 3:4), studying (2 Timothy 2:15), and thinking (Psalm 119:160 ASV).
 - b. I once studied with a lady who informed me that she would lay her Bible on its spine and let it fly open. At whatever page her Bible happened to open, she would *study*.
 - i. This approach to the Bible is completely spurious.
 - ii. An old example is used to point out its folly.
 1. If the Bible falls open to Matthew 27:5, the reader would learn that Judas hanged himself.
 2. If the Bible then falls open to Luke 10:37, the reader would find our Lord saying, "Go, and do thou likewise."
 3. Next, if the Bible falls open to John 13:27, the reader would find Jesus saying, "That thou doest, do quickly."
- I. **Matthew 26:51, 52**—"And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear. Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword."
 - A. This does not give the full picture.
 - B. More must be uncovered.
- II. **Mark 14:47**—"And one of them that stood by drew a sword, and smote a servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear."
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- III. **Luke 22:50, 51**—"And one of them smote the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear. And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him."
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- IV. **John 18:10**—"Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus."
 - A. The pieces of the puzzle are now in place.
 - B. We can be confident in our knowledge of the facts.

Another Example—In Conclusion

1. **Ephesians 2:8, 9**—“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.”
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2. **John 3:16**—“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”
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3. **Acts 2:37, 38**—“Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”
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4. **Romans 10:9, 10**—“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”
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5. **Mark 16:16**—“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”
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6. **Revelation 2:10**—“Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days; be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.”
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