

BIBLE BASICS

THE THEME OF THE BIBLE

Do we know Jesus or do we know “of Jesus?”

1 Tim. 1:12: “For I have knowledge of him in whom I have faith, and I am certain that he is able to keep that which I have given into his care till that day.” (BBE)

Where will get this knowledge? From the Bible.

Acts 8:30-35: “So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, “Do you understand what you are reading?” And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him. The place in the Scripture which he read was this: “He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; And as a lamb before its shearer is silent, So He opened not His mouth. In His humiliation His justice was taken away, And who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth.”

So the eunuch answered Philip and said, “I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?” Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.

Where was this scripture found? The OT. Isa. 53:7,8

Jesus was taught to the Ethiopian Nobleman from the Old Testament.

How will we get this knowledge?

2 Tim. 2:15: “Study earnestly to present yourself approved to God, a workman that does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.” (MKJV) We have both the Old and New Testament to supply us with the knowledge we need to know Christ and show ourselves approved in God eyes.

Why do we need this knowledge?

1 Pet. 3:15,16: “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always **be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you**, with meekness and fear; having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed.” (NKJV)

The basic theme of the Bible can be summed up by the following three statements.

SOMEONE IS COMING

SOMEONE IS HERE

SOMEONE IS COMING BACK

Someone is coming: The Old Testament (Genesis – Malachi)

Ge 3:15; 12:3; 49:10

De 18:15

Ps 2:2; 45:2; 68:18; 69:21; 110:1; 118:22; 132:11

Isa 2:4; 7:14; 9:2; 9:7; 11:10; 25:8; 28:16; 42:1; 49:6; 52:14; 53:2; 55:4; 59:16; 61:1; 62:11; 63:1

Jer 23:5

Eze 17:22
Da 2:34; 2:44; 7:13; 9:25
Mic 5:2
Hag 2:7
Zec 3:8; 6:12; 9:9; 11:12; 12:10; 13:7
Mal 3:1

Someone is here: The Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) and Acts chapter 1.

Mt 11:3; 16:16; 26:63
Lu 2:11; 2:26; 4:41; 24:26
Joh 1:41; 4:26; 6:14; 6:69; 7:41; 8:28; 11:27
Ac 1:11

Someone was here and He is coming back: Acts, the Epistles, and Revelation.

Ac 9:22; 17:3
1Th 5:2
Heb 9:28
2Pe 3:10
1Jo 5:1
Re 3:3
Re 16:15

John 17:3: ““And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.” (NKJV)