

How Jesus Used Scripture 2Timothy 3:14-17

Our View Of Scripture Affects Our Use Of Them

Jesus believed OT writings to be

Divine origin; Unerring; Authoritative; Historically accurate

Should we not have a similar view as His disciples?

If our view is inferior to his we deny his authority over us.

We must also use them as He used them

Proper usage of the Bible is the natural & essential consequence of the correct view of Scripture.

Many have called for a "new hermeneutic" - Means of interpretation or understanding

They insist Jesus is our pattern, not NT Scripture

Claim early Christians had no pattern in Scripture because NT had not yet been written.

Insisting such would separate Jesus from Scripture

Yet we cannot know Jesus without Scripture!

NT Scripture reveals Jesus - How did Jesus use the Scriptures available?

Consider His teaching in Matthew 19 on marriage

Used Them To Set Forth Divine Law

His question "Have you not read?" indicates considered Scriptures to be final. - **Matthew 19:3-4**

He considered marriage to be one man + one woman for life

There was no foundation for Christ's teaching but Divine Law

He did not turn to tradition or rabbinical law

Based teaching wholly upon what God revealed in Scripture

Scripture contains authority & obligation of law to Christian

Men may want to avoid "book, chapter, and verse" but to do so is to ignore pattern left by Christ.

Used Them To Show How To Interpret The Scriptures

Jesus cites Biblical example & direct Biblical statement then necessary inference. - **Matthew 19:4-6**

Divine Creation of Man in **verse 4**; Quotation from **Genesis 2:24**

These two divine evidences force the conclusion in **verse 6**

Demonstrates marriage is designed as permanent relationship

Very strong negative statement carrying force of command

Jesus teaches us how to understand and apply sacred writings

Many today protest such an approach as legalistic

Since Jesus is our pattern must interpret Scripture as He did

Used Them To Apply God's Will To All

Jesus applied this teaching universally to all - **Matthew 19:9-11**

Don't like it? Too bad, that's the law!

No indication here or elsewhere it was restricted only to those in a covenant relationship with God

Reference to Creation indicates God's marriage law applied to created

Elsewhere use of adultery which always assumes a marriage relationship on the part of at least

one participant - **1Corinthians 6:9-10**

If this passage does not apply to those outside of Christ, from where can we find justification for marriage among non-Christians? - **1 Corinthians 5:9-10**

Jesus Is Our Example

Jesus' profound respect for God's Word caused Him to use the Scriptures carefully

His love for men & women caused him to expound (hermeneuo) the Scriptures

We must carefully and lovingly explain the Word of God to men & women today as Jesus did while

He walked the earth.