



## The Word made Flesh

The Old Testament inspirations were hand-written by the Jews, who have guarded its transmissions with exact accuracy throughout time, that it may be inadvertently handed down to the believer in Christ, so the New Testament inspirations might finalize the compilation of the Bible by God's perfect plan. From the first written book of the Bible, Job, to the last written book, Revelation, it was a campaign originating from God that today the Bible might be in existence, yet...**the Word has always existed.**

### **John 1:1-2**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

But even though God's people in the Old Testament knew the Scriptures (the Old Testament), they still remained accursed for not keeping the whole Law, as warned in the last book of the Old Testament of the last verse. It was so until the Word became flesh...

### **John 1:14**

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

For many, flipping from the Old Testament's last book, Malachi, to the New Testament's first book, Matthew, is just a matter of pages. Nevertheless, in reality, within the New Testament is the revelation of Jesus the Christ, presenting to you the protagonist of the whole Bible.

Jesus gave meaning to the whole Bible. Without Him, the Bible is just a book like any other, with only the ability to puff one's mind with knowledge instead of giving life to those who believe in Him. Take the Pharisees; they knew the Scriptures from front to back yet they were faithless. Jesus said it like this, "You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life, but the Scriptures point to Me!" He is the key that unlocks revelation treasure of Grace in the Old Testament and the New Testament.

An important Christian evangelist described it in this way:

- "The whole meaning of spiritual understanding is that we see what the Spirit has always meant. It is one of our laws of interpretation that the whole Bible is focused in Christ, and that the work of the Holy Spirit in every dispensation relates to Christ." – **Theodore Austin-Sparks**

*-But Jesus is not mentioned in the Old Testament.*

My friend, Jesus is unveiled in the New Testament but hidden in the Old Testament through types and shadows. It takes the Holy Spirit to draw out Jesus from the Scriptures in a living way. In fact, Jesus revealed Himself to His disciples after His resurrection via the Old Testament.

**Luke 24:27, 44**

And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

Then He said to them, “These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.

Notice, Jesus expounded in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. Of course, during that time frame, the New Testament was not yet written. Observe that most of the Old Testament is mentioned in verse 44: from the Law of Moses (Genesis to Deuteronomy), the Prophets (Joshua to Malachi) to the Psalms.

Even though Jesus is never mentioned in the Old Testament, Jesus unveiled Himself to His disciple who was hidden throughout the personalities, stories, objects, names of people and names of places. I believe Jesus showed us how to study the Bible: **Everything pinpoints to the person of Jesus and interpreted via His finished work at the cross.** After this, the disciples finally saw Jesus as the Christ.

**Luke 24:31-32**

Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. And they said to one another, “Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?”

As so obviously seen in the story, the effects of seeing Jesus in the Scriptures are life-transforming. Like the disciples, the Holy Spirit will have opened your eyes to see Him, but most importantly, to know Him personally, which is priceless. He did all this for the sole purpose of having communion/relationship with YOU.

After the Lord revealed Himself via the Scriptures, He vanished away because it was no longer necessary to be present physically. The disciples had seen Him by revelation in their hearts through the Scriptures, which is far wealthier and eternal than just an emotional consolation by seeing Him physically. Not only that, but their hearts burned with love for Jesus. They became a Jesus-freak overnight!

Now, unlike the last verse of the Old Testament that spoke about the curse, the last verse of the New Testament is about GRACE! It is all because the Word became flesh that you might see Him and His glory through the Scriptures and believe that you are righteous by faith. And when you do, your heart will also burn with love for Jesus...

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