

**INTRODUCTION – THINGS WE WILL LOOK AT IN THIS LESSON:**

- 1) DEFINING SCRIPTURE
- 2) HOW WE GOT THE SCRIPTURES
- 3) TWO MISTAKEN VIEWS OF INSPIRATION
- 4) HOW SCRIPTURE WAS INCLUDED IN THE CANON

**THE BIBLE IS THE MOST IMPORTANT BOOK IN HISTORY:**

NO OTHER BOOK HAS HAD SUCH INFLUENCE OR EFFECT

**THE BIBLE IS DIFFERENT FROM ALL OTHER BOOKS:**

THE BIBLE IS FROM GOD TO MAN

**ASSEMBLIES OF GOD DOCTRINAL STATEMENT:**

*The Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments, are verbally inspired of God and are the revelation of God to man, the infallible, authoritative rule of faith and conduct.*

*2 Timothy 3:15–17 — And how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

*1 Thessalonians 2:13 — And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.*

*2 Peter 1:21 For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.*

**Q 1) HOW IS THE BIBLE DIFFERENT FROM ALL OTHER BOOKS IN HISTORY?**

**A)**

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**PART 1 – DEFINING SCRIPTURE:**

**Q 2) WHAT DOES THE WORD “SCRIPTURE” MEAN?**

**A)**

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**PART 2 – HOW WE GOT THE SCRIPTURES:**

**Q 3) WHAT DOES “INSPIRATION” MEAN?**

**A)**

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**Q 4) WHAT TWO TRUTHS DOES 2 TIMOTHY 3:16 REVEAL?**

**A)**

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**PART 3 – TWO MISTAKEN VIEWS OF INSPIRATION:**

**Q 5) WHAT ARE THE TWO MISTAKEN VIEWS OF INSPIRATION AND WHY ARE THEY WRONG?**

**A)**

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**Q 6) WHAT DOES “VERBALLY INSPIRED” MEAN?**

**A)**

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**PART 4 – HOW SCRIPTURE WAS INCLUDED IN THE CANON:**

**Q 7) WHAT DOES “CANON” MEAN?**

**A)**

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**Q 8) WHEN DID THE CHURCH COUNCIL MEET IN CARTHAGE TO DISCUSS WHICH BOOKS WERE TRULY SCRIPTURE?**

**A)**

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**Q 9) WHAT ARE THE FOUR TESTS OF SCRIPTURE?**

**A)**

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**PART 5 – WRAPPING UP:**

**Q 10) WHY AREN'T THE “APOCRYPHA, FIRST MACCABEES, AND THE WRITINGS OF JOSEPH SMITH AND CHARLES TAZE RUSSELL” CONSIDERED SCRIPTURE?**

**A)**

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