



# How Do You Know Jesus?

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## Key Concept: The Bible

They asked each other, “Were not *our hearts burning within us* while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

A warm, personal, transforming relationship with God requires reading the Bible correctly.

- **Misreading the Bible**
- **Reading the Bible like Jesus**

# Misreading the Bible

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**The Bible is all about you**

## **Rethinking Christian Growth & Healing**

### **Dynamics of Sanctification**

In spite of numerous exhortations, efforts and searching for spiritual transformation, vast numbers of Christians are frustrated with their level of spiritual growth and maturity.

### **Why?**

- We don't understand the process of biblical change
- We read the bible as all about me

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*Luke 24:27* And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in ALL the Scriptures concerning himself.

*Luke 24:44* He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you. Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

*John 5:39* You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me.



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## **The Bible is all about Jesus**

**When you read the bible this way, your hearts will burn within you with an ever growing picture of beauty & wonder that will transform you deeply**

**Let's take some time and do what Jesus did that day...Moses**

Leviticus 1-7 ...details of the 5 main offerings

Leviticus 10 ...the death of Nadab & Abihu (the high priest's sons)

“Among those who approach me I will show myself holy;  
In the sight of all the people I will be honored” (10:3)

Exodus 20 ...the Passover



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## **The Bible is all about Jesus**

When you read the Bible, and see Jesus on every page, your hearts will burn to the praise of the glorious grace of God in Christ....

- Your reading becomes an encounter with beauty and wonder
- You want him
- You increasingly find your joy and satisfaction in him
- You long to obey and glorify him

## **Reading the Bible like Jesus will transform your life**

On every page of the Bible you see more of the glory of Jesus and His saving grace...but you have to learn to read the bible as being all about Jesus and not all about you



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**The Bible is all about Jesus**

**The Bible is all authoritative & you have to submit to it**

If you can pick & choose what you want to believe or obey,  
If you can define what you think is offensive & irrelevant...  
...then you have a god of your own making  
...it's just you

An all authoritative Scripture that you have to submit to whether you like it or not, is not the enemy of a personal relationship with God...it's the precondition

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- Go where the Scripture is expounded
- Go where, together, in community you study what the Scripture says
- Make sure that you personally dig into Scripture all the time