

Welcome To Sunday Night Bible Fellowship

Every word inspired.



Every word proclaimed.

“We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ.” Col 1:28

“A Final Warning”

Part 3

Rev.22:18-21

Jan. 19, 2020

Quiz

1. **T or F** Rewards has nothing to do with whether you are saved or not.

True

2. **T or F** The reward given to the believer is a capacity to manifest the glory of God throughout all eternity.

True

3. The passage of Scripture that tells us about God's judgment of separating the sheep from the goats.

A. Dan. 7:33

B. Matt. 24:8

C. Rev. 16:21

D. Ez. 38:19

E. None of the above

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Matt. 25:31-34

Quiz

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Angel

Take in the Word of God (eat it) and proclaim it to the nations. It has a bitter (judgment on the earth) and a sweet (the end of Satan, sin, evil) message to the world.

Rev 10:9

Rev 10:8-11

- 8 Then the voice which I heard from heaven, I heard again speaking with me, and saying, "Go, take the book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the land."
- 9 So I went to the angel, telling him to give me the little book. And he said to me, "Take it and eat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey."
- 10 I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and in my mouth it was sweet as honey; and when I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter.
- 11 And they said to me, "You must prophesy again concerning many peoples and nations and tongues and kings."

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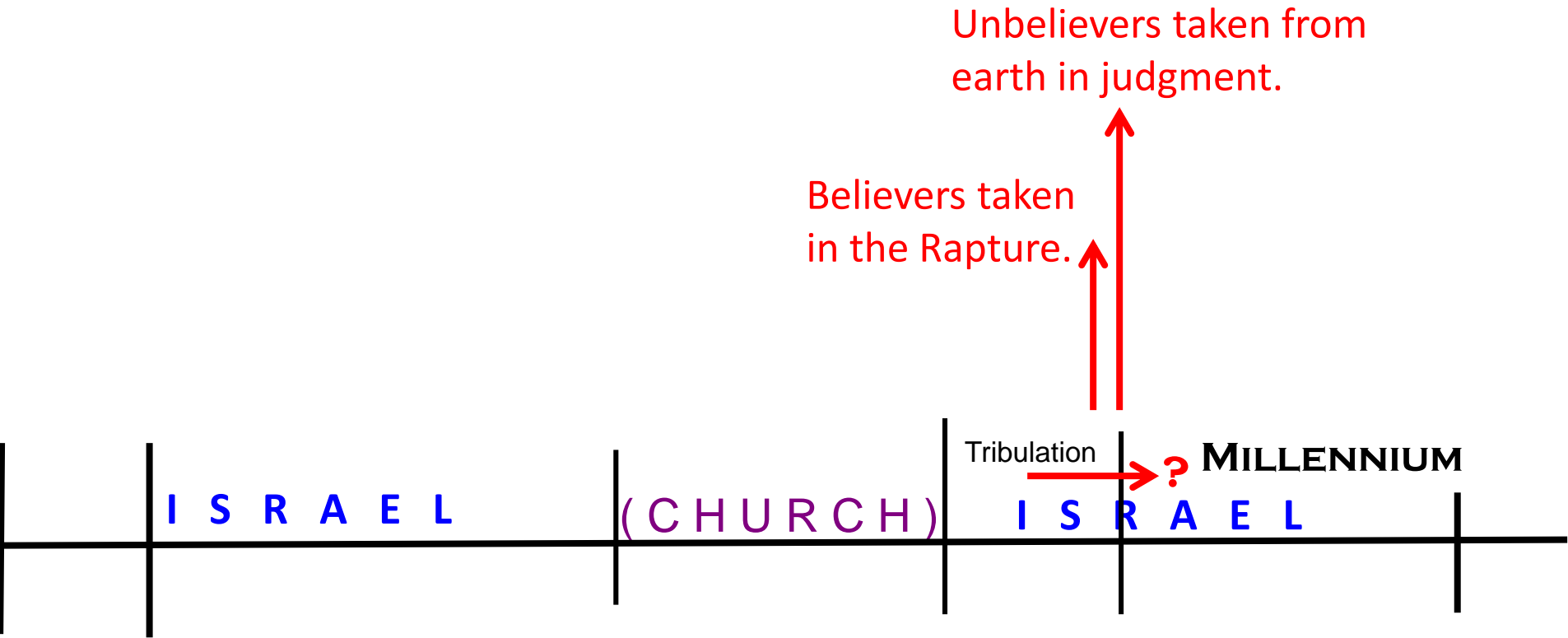
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5. What does the following diagram illustrate?



Living by the Word

Ps. 119 ➡ Ps. 119:11 ➡ Rom. 12:2 ➡ I Cor. 2:16 ➡ 1 Jn. 4:1

The Word is everything I need to live the Christian life - knowledge, understanding, wisdom, guidance, direction, & counsel.

I must study and learn God's Word.

When I take in God's Word, I will renew my mind.

When I renew my mind, I will begin to think like Christ.

1 Thes. 5:21

Ps. 119:66

Ps. 119:105

Ps. 119:2

2 Cor. 10:3-5

When I think like Christ, I will be able to discern:

- Feelings
- Impressions
- Impulses
- Thoughts

Ps. 37:4

False claims of inspired revelation were a massive problem in the O.T.

Jer. 23:1-4,9-12,16,21,25-28

- 1 “Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of My pasture!” declares the LORD.
- 2 Therefore thus says the LORD God of Israel concerning the shepherds who are tending My people: “You have scattered My flock and driven them away, and have not attended to them; behold, I am about to attend to you for the evil of your deeds,” declares the LORD.
- 3 “Then I Myself will gather the remnant of My flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and bring them back to their pasture, and they will be fruitful and multiply.
- 4 I will also raise up shepherds over them and they will tend them; and they will not be afraid any longer, nor be terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the LORD.

9 As for the prophets:

My heart is broken within me,

All my bones tremble;

I have become like a drunken man,

Even like a man overcome with wine,

Because of the LORD

And because of His holy words.

10 For the land is full of adulterers;

For the land mourns because of the curse.

The pastures of the wilderness have dried up.

Their course also is evil

And their might is not right.

11 “For both prophet and priest are polluted;

Even in My house I have found their wickedness,” declares the LORD.

16 Thus says the LORD of hosts,
“Do not listen to the words of the prophets who are prophesying to you.
They are leading you into futility;
They speak a vision of their own imagination,
Not from the mouth of the LORD.

21 “I did not send *these* prophets,
But they ran.
I did not speak to them,
But they prophesied.

25 “I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy falsely in
My name, saying, ‘I had a dream, I had a dream!’

26 How long? Is there *anything* in the hearts of the prophets who
prophesy falsehood, even *these* prophets of the deception of their own
heart,

27 who intend to make My people forget My name by their dreams
which they relate to one another, just as their fathers forgot My name
because of Baal?

28 The prophet who has a dream may relate *his* dream, but let him who
has My word speak My word in truth.

Lam. 2:14

14 Your prophets have seen for you

False and foolish *visions*;

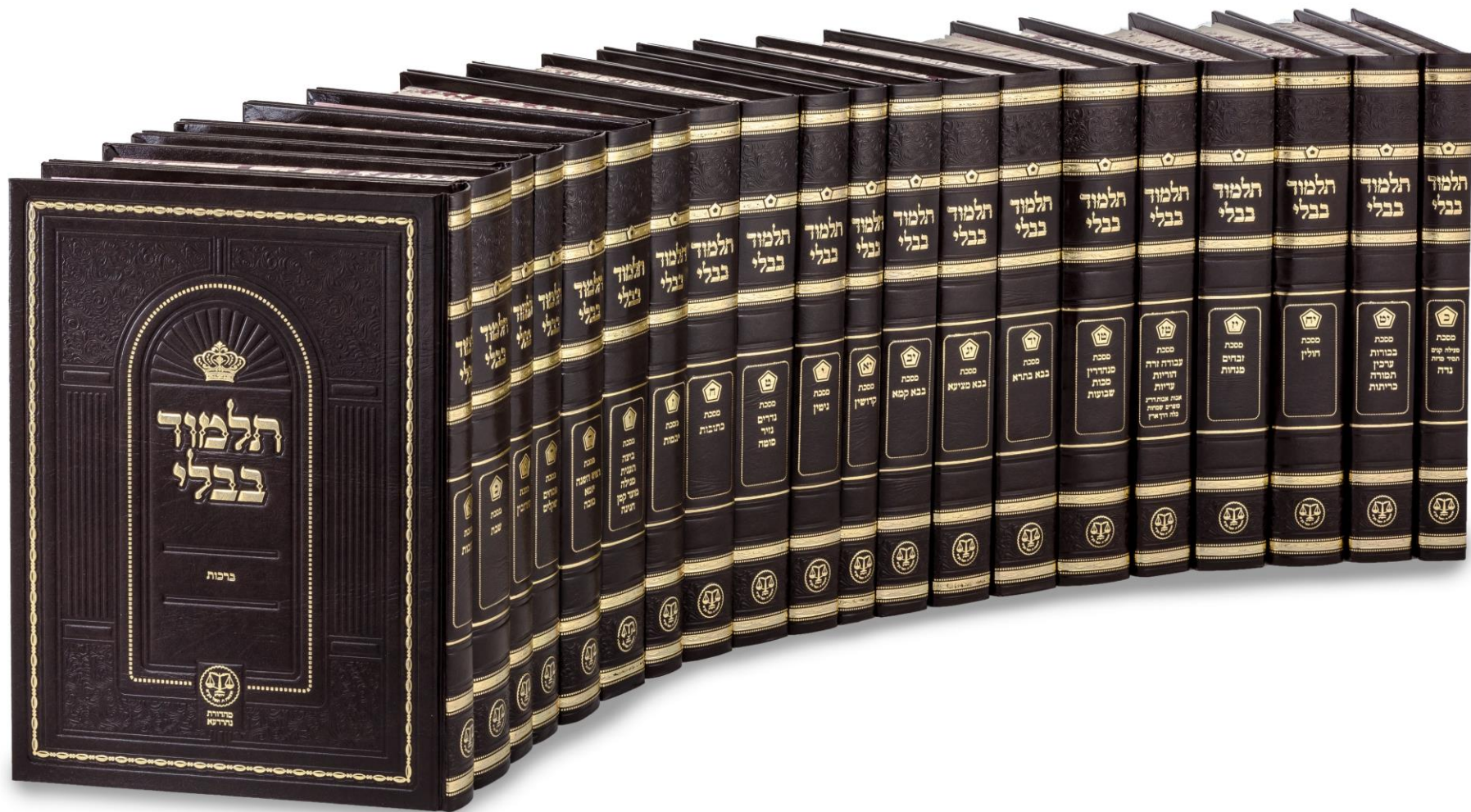
And they have not exposed your iniquity

So as to restore you from captivity,

But they have seen for you false and misleading oracles.

“The greatest danger to the Church is the man in the pulpit who is unfaithful to the Word of God.”

- **Pharisees** – added to Scripture – tradition, oral Torah, Talmud, Mishna, Gemara, Midrash, + other countless Rabbinic commentaries.



Ein Mishpat / Ner Mitzvah

Compiled cross-references to the major halakhic codes and texts.

OTHER COMMENTARIES

"The printers of the Vilna Talmud printed several newly discovered commentaries in the outer margins of their edition. These included some of the most important of the early medieval works. Towards this end, scholars were sent to European libraries (including that of the Vatican in Rome) in order to copy out these lost treasures of Jewish religious literature. Since none of these commentaries covered the full text of the Talmud, different ones were printed with the individual tractates."

R. AQIVA EGER

ANONYMOUS COMMENTARY & PRINTER'S ADDITIONS

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Sedarim (Order): Masekhtot (Tractate)

THE TOSAFISTS

12th-13th century CE commentaries. Tosafists translates roughly to "additions" or "supplements." Likely meaning they saw themselves as supplements to Rashi's commentary. These commentators include scholars such as Rabbi Jacob Ben Meir, the Rashbam, R. Isaac of Dampierre, R. Samson of Sens, and R. Meir of Rothenburg. Unlike Rashi's style, which often commentates and summarizes in an attempt to explain the Talmudic texts, the Tosafists tend to focus on specific issues within the Talmud and Rashi and elaborate upon them or attempt to reconcile their contradictions.

The Tosafists emphasize French and German traditions. "The dialectical give-and-take of a Tosafot discussion has a typical structure: The objections and difficulties are introduced with the formula "Ve'im tomar" ["And if you should say..."], and the solution with "Yesh lomar" ["It can be said..."]"

HEADING MISHNAH

Compiled ~200-220 CE by R. Judah Ha-Nasi codifying the Halakha (law) up until his time. It is written in Mishnaic Hebrew - a collection of legal rulings & opinions of biblical law by scholars known as Tannaim. It is divided into six sedarim (orders), with each order having 7-12 subsections known as masekhtot/tractates.

GEMARA

Written in Aramaic, not Hebrew.

There are two versions of Gemara

Compiled by scholars known as the Amoraim: the first is composed in Western Aramaic in Palestine (400~ CE), the second is written in Eastern Aramaic in Babylonia (425-500~ CE). The smallest unit of Gemara is known as a "sugya" (pl. sugyot). Talmud is composed of Mishnah followed by sugyot analyzing it.

RASHI'S COMMENTARY

KEY

Rashi's commentary is dated to about 1040-1105 CE. Typically Rashi's commentary is placed on the inside of a page, against the binding. Rashi's commentary covers almost all of the tractates of the Babylonian Talmud. It is printed in "Rashi's script" a form of Hebrew font style which is traditionally used for commentaries.

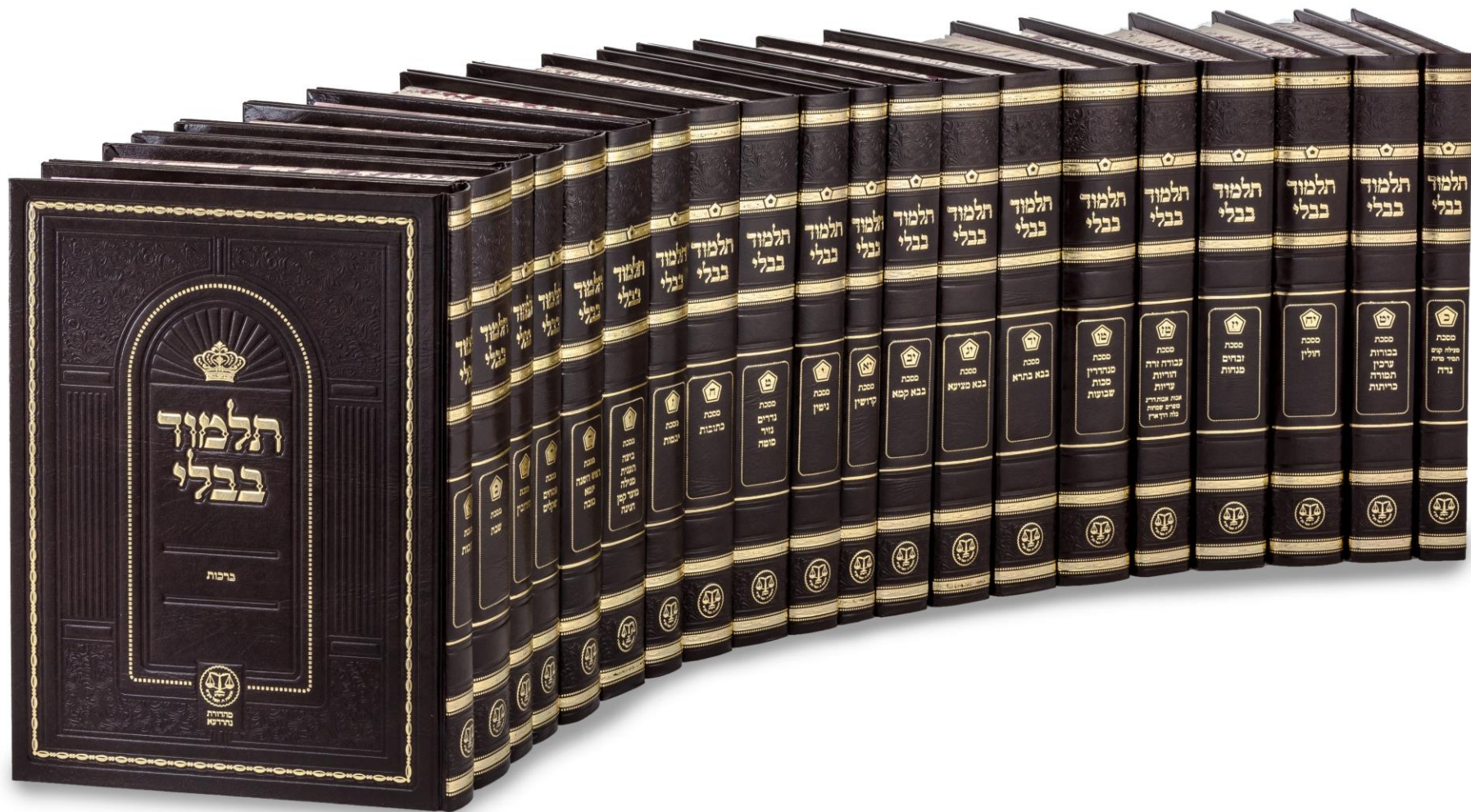
Mesoret Ha-Sha"Sh

Added in the 16th c. CE, a compilation of cross-references showing where quotes are repeated in the Talmud and texts can be referenced.

GLOSSES

"Recent printings of the Talmud have incorporated additional short comments (glosses) by various Rabbis who lived during last few centuries. Most of these glosses are emendations to the text, while others contain useful (or cryptic) cross-references."





Rev. 22:18-21

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19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.

20 He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming quickly.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

Taking away from the Bible

- **Pharisees** – added to Scripture – tradition, oral Torah, Talmud, Mishna, Gemara, Midrash, + other countless Rabbinic commentaries.
- **Sadducees** – subtracted from Scripture - denied anything supernatural in the scriptures and denied a resurrection after death (souls and bodies die together).

How do you take away from the Bible?

1. The Jesus Seminar

- was organized in 1985 to renew the quest of the historical Jesus and to report the results of its research to the general public.
- Among the findings is that, in the judgment of the Jesus Seminar Fellows, only about 18 percent of the sayings and 16 percent of the deeds attributed to Jesus in the gospels are authentic.

The Jesus Seminar concluded:

- Jesus had no mission with the twelve.
- Did not predict His suffering.
- Performed no miracles to draw attention.
- Did not judge.
- Did not make messianic or personal claims.
- The Seminar offers an attempt to explain who Jesus is, that is representative of where many are who study him — he is nothing than a great moral teacher, Galilean rabbi, social activist, etc.

Who are the Fellows:

- One quarter of the group are complete unknowns (one is a movie producer), and half of them come from a cluster of three ultra-liberal schools: Harvard, Claremont, and Vanderbilt.
- The Jesus Seminar meets twice a year to dissect biblical passages. Their goal: separate historical fact from mythology. So far, they have rejected as myth the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, the virgin birth, all Gospel miracles, and a full 82% of the teachings normally attributed to Jesus--all dismissed as legendary accretions with no historical foundation. Further, they are individuals who deny the inspiration, authority, and inerrancy of the Bible.
- There are two things the Jesus Seminar has to say about the resurrection of Jesus. First, it never happened. There's no historical evidence for it. Second, it doesn't matter. Christians can still celebrate Easter with its symbolic message of hope and new life.
- Robert Funk (founder of the Jesus Seminar) calls Jesus a "secular sage who satirized the pious and championed the poor." He then adds, "Jesus was perhaps the first stand-up Jewish comic. Starting a new religion would have been the farthest thing from his mind."
- Essentially, the agenda of the Jesus Seminar is, "I do not believe Jesus is God, so I am going to remove anything that records Jesus saying or teaching that He is God from the gospels." The claim that the purpose of the Jesus Seminar is to "discover the historical Jesus" is false and misleading. The true purpose of the Jesus Seminar is to promote the Jesus that the Jesus Seminar believes in instead of the Jesus of the Bible.

2. The Quest for the “historical Jesus”

- Over the centuries, numerous Bible scholars have suggested that the gospel accounts can't be trusted. These scholars argue that Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John were written too long after the life of Jesus, and they came from communities of later Christians, not eyewitnesses.
- According to these scholars, the gospels turned a real man into a false god. The Jesus portrayed in the gospels is not the “historical Jesus” but the “Christ of faith,” exalted and deified by later Christians.
- The first quest for the historical Jesus was marked with attempts to salvage Christ's teachings while tossing out his miracles. It was argued that Jesus was a man, not the Son of God—by that, he simply meant that we are all the children of God—and he only proclaimed the love of God and the brotherhood of all human beings.
- Scholars of the second quest (1950's) generally denied that Jesus claimed to be the Messiah, that he predicted his own death, or that he rose from the dead.

God's Word holds a high and holy place.

Ps 138:2

2 I will worship toward Your holy temple,
And praise Your name
For Your lovingkindness and Your truth;
For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.

Isa 66:2

2 "For My hand made all these things,
Thus all these things came into being," declares the Lord.
"But to this one I will look,
To him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who
trembles at My word.

“No one can dare add to the Word of God except in blatant unbelief and denial that the Word is indeed God’s own message to man. Likewise, no one should dare take away from the words of the Book, since to do so is to do despite to the inspired Word of God. What a solemn warning this is to critics who have tampered with this book and other portions of Scripture in arrogant self-confidence that they are equipped intellectually and spiritually to determine what is true and what is not true in the Word of God. Though not stated in detail, the point of these two verses is that a child of God who reveres Him will recognize at once that this is the Word of God.”

- John Walvoord

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