

The Nature, Purpose, and Power of Scriptures | Handout

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I. Origins of the Scriptures

2. Authors of the Scriptures

- a) The Old Testament: Through Moses and the Prophets (John 1:17; Luke 24:27, 44)
- b) The New Testament: Through Christ, Apostles, and Prophets (Hebrews 1:1, 2; Ephesians 3:5)

Questions for reflection/discussion:

How many of you feel like the Bible has impacted your walk with God?

How does seeing the Bible as a 'library' rather than just one book help with your understanding of it?

"What feelings or thoughts arise when you consider that Jesus existed before the creation of the universe?"

Take a moment to reflect and one thing you can apply to your life this week.

Christ is the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer:

Jesus	Colossians	John 1
Creator	Col. 1:15-16	John 1:1-3
Redeemer	Col. 1:18-20	John 1:12-14
Sustainer	Col. 1:17	John 1:4-5

Referenced verses for reflection:

Genesis 1:26 - "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness..."

John 14:6 - "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Acts 3:18 - "God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer..."

Matthew 5:17 - "I have not come to abolish the Law or the Prophets but to fulfill them."

Future Reading:

2 Corinthians 3 - The new covenant

Romans 16:25-27: Revealing the mystery of Christ.

Key Takeaways:

- The Bible is a library of books inspired by God.
- Jesus existed before the creation of the World
- Christ is the creator, redeemer, and sustainer.
- Moses is the writer of the Torah (Pentateuch)
- The Bible was *carried along* written through Moses, the Prophets, Jesus, and the Apostles.