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New Life Center
Bible Study
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The Way of the Master Part 3

Understanding The Scriptures



Luke 24:45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

Meaning of Scripture



- Literal, Plain Text, As Read
- Symbolic/Prophetic
- Spiritual
- Dual Meaning

2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

Rightly Dividing the word of Truth!

- Identify the kind of literature
- Consider the context of the Whole Passage
- Read the text for its plain and obvious meaning
- Discerning the writer's intention
- Look Carefully at the language of the text for what it reveals about meaning
- When in doubt rely on Gods Attributes
- 2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth.**
- 16 But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.
- 17 And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus;
- 18 **Who concerning the truth have erred**, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some.

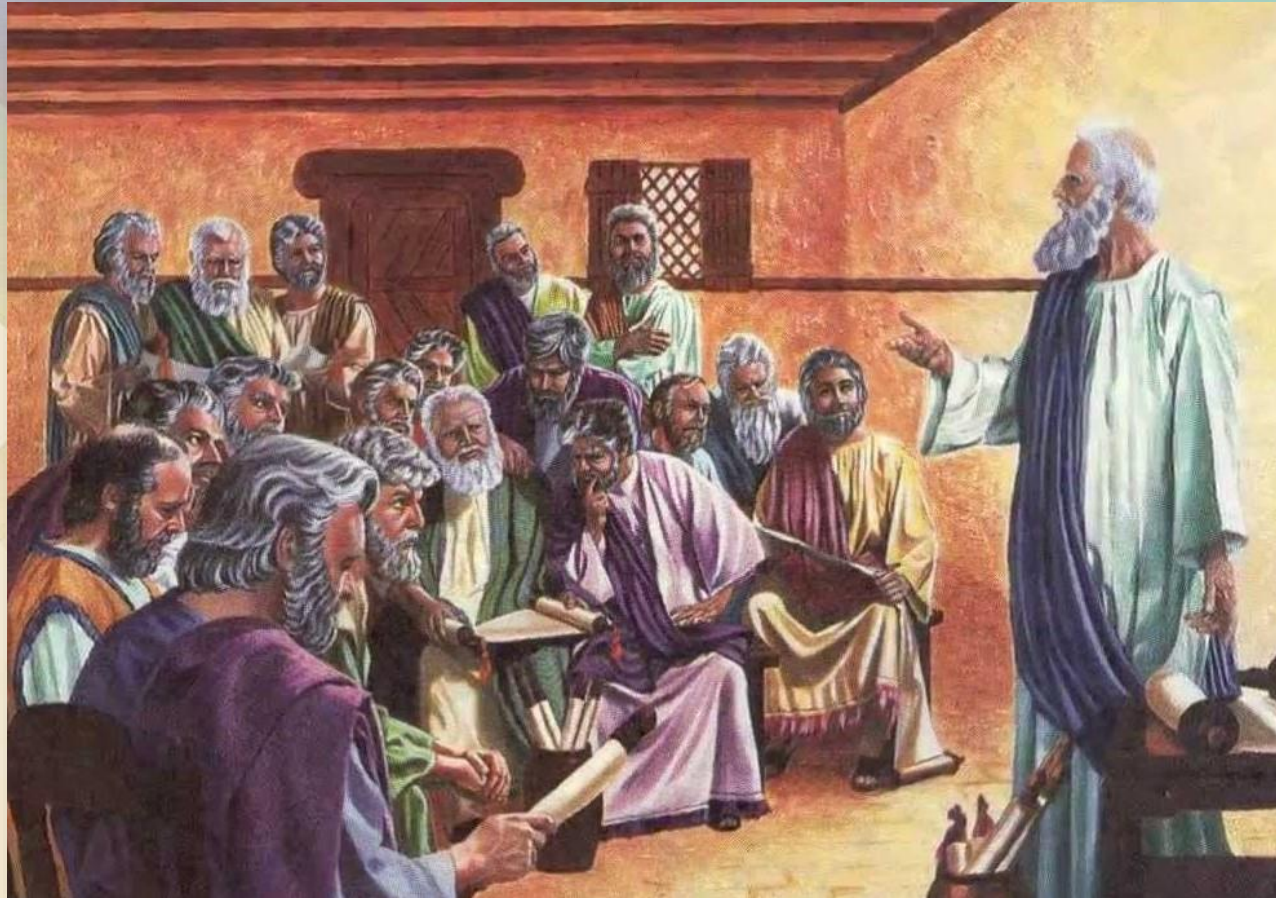
How To Decide ?



- Context of the Text
- Is there an apparent contradiction ?
- Other Scriptures
- The Holy Spirit
- 2 Peter 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.
- We cannot decide by our feelings!

2 Peter 1:20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

Examples



FIRST CHURCH COUNCIL ACTS 15

Acts 15:29 That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

Meats Offered To Idols Paul Interprets

- 1 Corinthians 8:1 ¶ Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth.
- 7 ¶ Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge: for some with conscience of the idol unto this hour eat it as a thing offered unto an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled.
- 8 But meat commendeth us not to God: for neither, if we eat, are we the better; neither, if we eat not, are we the worse.
- 9 But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak.
- 10 For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols;
- 11 And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died?

From Blood & Things Strangled ?



- Numbers 35:33 So ye shall not pollute the land wherein ye are: for blood it defileth the land: and the land cannot be cleansed of the blood that is shed therein, but by the blood of him that shed it.
- Leviticus 19:26 Ye shall not eat any thing with the blood: neither shall ye use enchantment, nor observe times.
- 1 Corinthians 10:27 If any of them that believe not bid you to a feast, and ye be disposed to go; whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no question for conscience sake.
- 28 But if any man say unto you, This is offered in sacrifice unto idols, eat not for his sake that shewed it, and for conscience sake: for the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof:
- 29 Conscience, I say, not thine own, but of the other: for why is my liberty judged of another man's conscience?

What about blood transfusions ?



- Matthew 12:9 And when he was departed thence, he went into their synagogue:
- 10 And, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him.
- 12 How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days.
- 13 Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other.
- **Matthew 12:7 But if ye had known what this meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless.**

Mercy & Not Sacrifice!



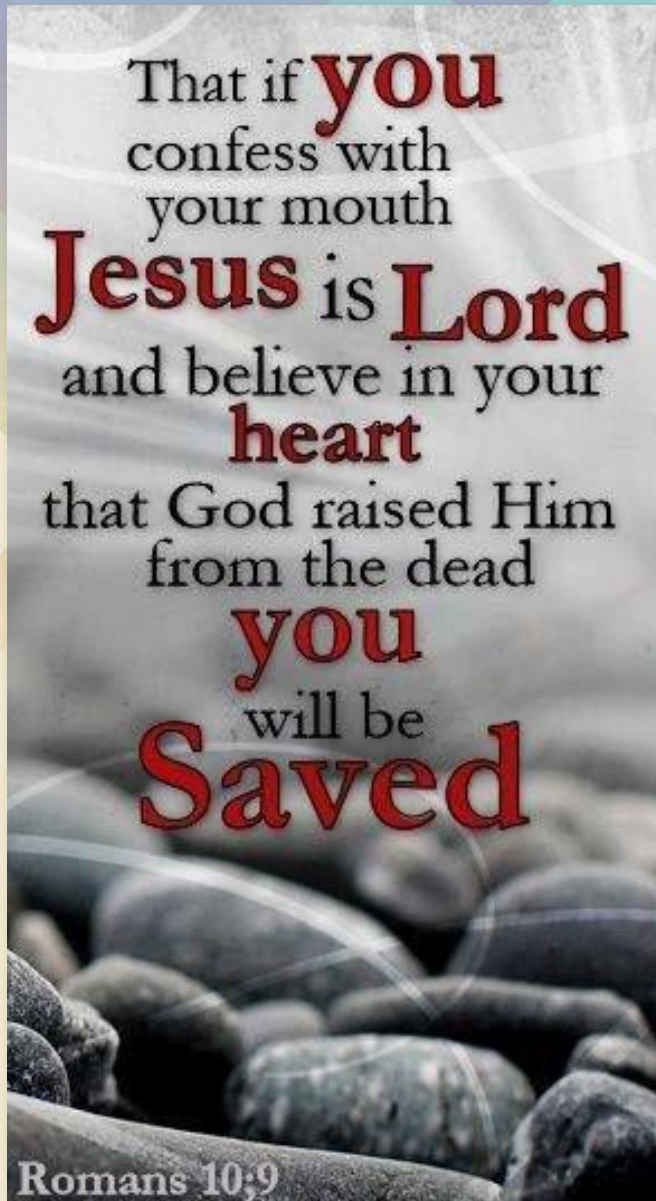
- Luke 6:2 And certain of the Pharisees said unto them, Why do ye that which is not lawful to do on the sabbath days?
- 3 And Jesus answering them said, Have ye not read so much as this, what David did, when himself was an hungred, and they which were with him;
- 4 How he went into the house of God, and did take and eat the shewbread, and gave also to them that were with him; which it is not lawful to eat but for the priests alone?
- 5 And he said unto them, That the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

Thou shalt Not Kill ?



- Matthew 5:21 ¶ Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:
- Numbers 35:26 But if the slayer shall at any time come without the border of the city of his refuge, whither he was fled;
- 27 And the revenger of blood find him without the borders of the city of his refuge, and the revenger of blood kill the slayer; he shall not be guilty of blood:
- Genesis 9:6 Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.

Believe and be saved ?



- Romans 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.
- Acts 16:31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.
- 32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.
- 33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.
- Matthew 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:.....

The Witnesses : Partial Spiritualizing



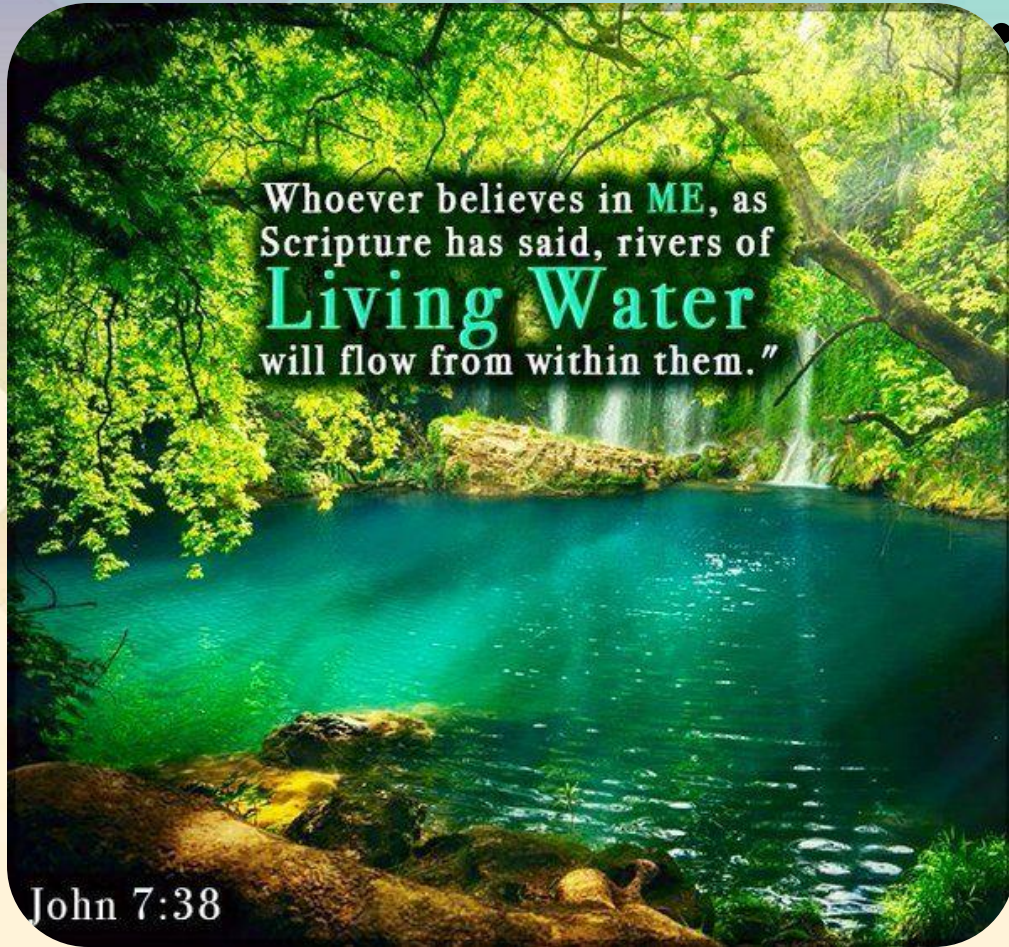
- Revelation 7:2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,
- 3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.
- 4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

The Witnesses : Partial Spiritualizing



- Revelation 7:5 Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand.
- 6 Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephtalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand.
- Revelation 14:4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.
- 5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

Correct Spiritualizing



John 7:37 ¶ In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

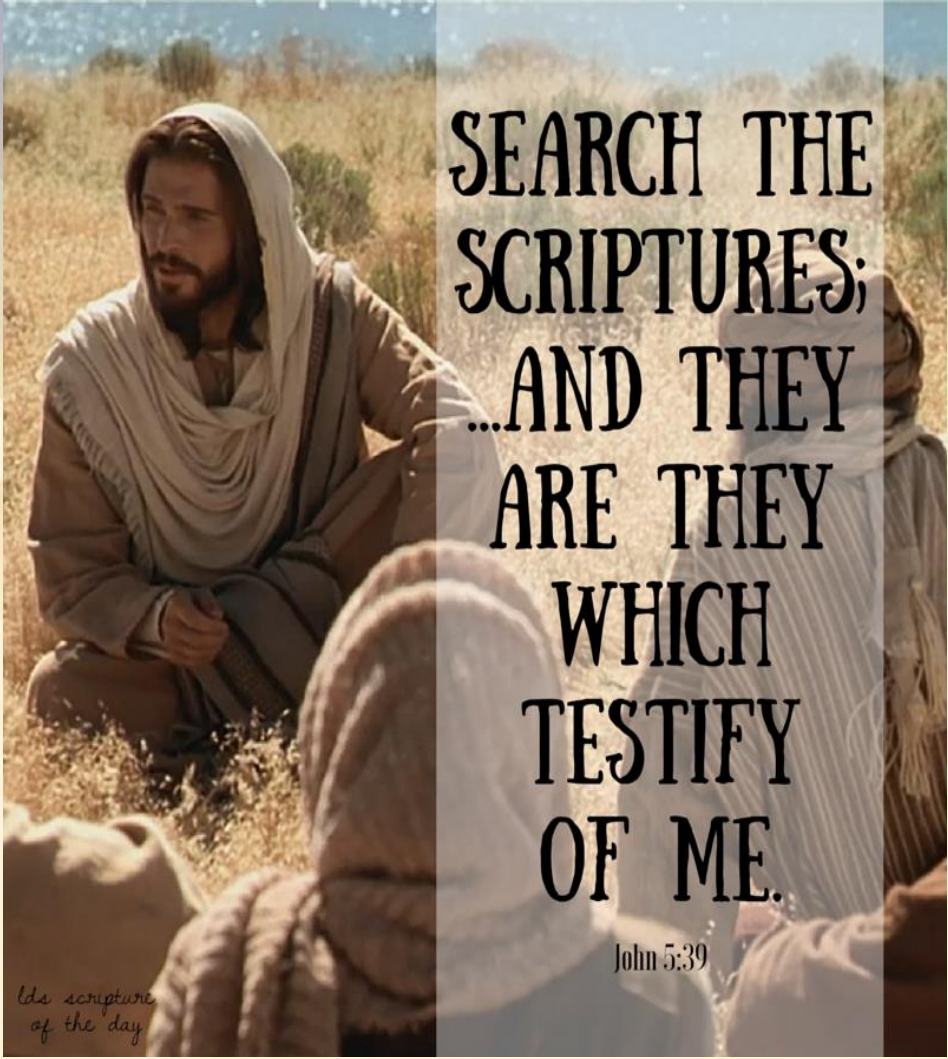
39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Literal or Spiritual ?



- Revelation 9:15 And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.
- 16 **And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them.**
- 17 And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.
- 18 By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.

Prophecy is of no private Interpretation



SEARCH THE
SCRIPTURES;
...AND THEY
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WHICH
TESTIFY
OF ME.

John 5:39

*lds scripture
of the day*

- Pre, Mid, Post Tribulation ?
- Acts 17:10 ¶ And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews.
- 11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

Context is key! Language is Key!



Luke 22:35 And he said unto them, When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they said, Nothing.

36 Then said he unto them, **But now**, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one.

37 For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end.

38 And they said, Lord, behold, **here are two swords**. And he said unto them, It is enough.

Machaira

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Original Word

μάχαιρα

Transliterated Word

Machaira

Phonetic Spelling

makh'-ahee-rah 

Definition

1. a large knife, used for killing animals and cutting up flesh
2. a small sword, as distinguished from a large sword
 - a. curved sword, for a cutting stroke
 - b. a straight sword, for thrusting

King James Word Usage - Total: 29

sword 29

Matthew
10:34 Think not
that I am come
to send peace on
earth: I came not
to send peace,
but a sword.

Many Interpretations to this scripture

By far the clearest purpose of the two swords is Jesus' reference to Isaiah's prophecy (53:12). He was destined to be arrested like a criminal, put on trial like a criminal, and even crucified like a criminal (but his arrest, trial, and execution were based on false evidence. He did nothing but good.) Yet, he was hung on the cross between two thieves, which is also a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy (Luke 23:32; 39-43). What are criminals known for carrying with them? Weapons, and to be numbered among criminals, Jesus must also have weapons. That is why he said that only two swords would be enough—to fulfill this prophecy. Also, Matthew mentions fulfilling prophecy (26:54). If Peter had kept on physically using the sword to prevent Christ's arrest,

Taking all the elements into account

- First of all This was a change from his previous commands
- “But Now”
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- 36 Then said he unto them, **BUT NOW**, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one.
- His previous commands were literal so is this command spiritual ?
- Why had he told them they did not need take anything with them ?
The first time.

“Temporary” Power and Authority



- Luke 9:1 ¶ Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.
- John 17:12 **While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name:** those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

He was about to leave them!



- There would be a Gap between his Physical protection and the receiving of the Holy Spirit.
- **Luke 24:49** And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, **UNTIL** ye be endued with power from on high.
- They were not commanded to heal or to preach but to wait!,
- Why ? they had no **POWER!**. They were going to be protected from the **EVIL ONE** but not necessarily men

What you have is Enough!



- Luke 22:50 And one of them smote the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear.
- 51 And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him.
- The disciples were with Him in the Garden. Why were they Not arrested ?

What you have is Enough!



- Because he said I AM he
- John 18:7 Then asked he them again, Whom seek ye? And they said, Jesus of Nazareth.
- 8 Jesus answered, I have told you that I am he: if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way:
- 9 That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou gavest me have I lost none.