

Living Word: Jesus Christ – Revealed in the Bible

John 1: 1- 14 & John 20: 30 - 31



**‘Leading people
into a growing
relationship with
Jesus Christ’**



Value 1:
**The Bible is God's living
word and is our
ultimate authority.**



1. Our relationship with the book





HOLY BIBLE

READ
ME!





Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But **these are written** that you may **believe** that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by **believing** you may have life **in his name.**

John 20: 30 - 31



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.

2 Timothy 3: 16



¹² For the word of God is **alive and active**. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Hebrews 4: 12



**Jesus Christ is our
ultimate authority...
as revealed in
scripture.**



2. Our relationship with the Word



*‘In the beginning was
the Word, and the
Word was with God...’*



λόγος

*‘Logos’ - word, expression of
thought, reason.*



‘God is **Christlike** and in
Him there is no
unChristlikeness at all’
Michael Ramsay



‘He is the **image** of the invisible
God...For God was pleased to
have **all his fullness** dwell in
Him, and through him to
reconcile to himself all things.’

(Col 1: 15, 19 - 20)



ῥῆμα

*‘Rhema’ - spoken/written
word, utterance.*



- He speaks through His **creation** (Psalm 19:1),
- through ancient **prophets** (Hosea 12:10; Hebrews 1:1),
- through the **Holy Spirit** (John 16:13; Acts 16:6),
- through **Scripture** (Hebrews 4:12),
- and through the Person of His Son, **Jesus Christ**, at the pinnacle. (John 14:9)



So what?!





- **Practical challenge:** when you read your bible this week be especially aware of this question: what is this teaching me to do so that I can be like Jesus?
- **Discipleship challenge:** are you reading the Bible at all? Get help if you're stuck.
- **Spiritual challenge:** is the Bible leading you to intimacy with Jesus? Is he the focus and centre of your life?



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