



“What Is It?”

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⁴ Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” **Matthew 4:4**

³⁴ “Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.” ³⁵ Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.” **John 6:34-35**

³⁹ You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, ⁴⁰ yet you refuse to come to me to have life. **John 5:39-40**

If we _____ what the Bible is, we will turn it into something it’s not.

What It’s Not

- **Not a _____.**
- **Not a _____.**
- **Not a _____ list of do’s and don’ts.**

What Is It?

The Bible: A _____ of writings that are both human and divine that together tell the unified _____ that leads us to _____.

- **66 documents known as books. 39 = O.T. and 27= N.T.**
- **Written by over 40 different authors. 3 different languages.**
- **Over a period of more than 1500 years.**

²⁰ Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation of things. ²¹ For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. **2 Peter 1:20-21**

¹³ And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe. **1 Thessalonians 2:13**

What is the Bible for?

- **To know who _____ is.**
- **To tell the story of human history from _____ perspective.**
- **To shape and form us into a people of _____ so we can partner in the ongoing story of God.**

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. **Hebrew 4:12**