

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **2Timothy 2:14-16.**
- B. Jesus used and quoted the Holy Scriptures many times during his ministry. He used the word of God.
- C. Since Jesus is our example in all things, tonight's lesson is to see how Jesus used the word of God, so we can do so in trying to live godly lives.
- D. Jesus never quoted from the apocryphal books.

JESUS USED THE SCRIPTURES.

- A. As authority, when speaking to a lawyer (Lk. 10:25-26).
And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" **26** And He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?"
- B. As the Word of God, as in the Jews' traditions invalidating the word (Mk. 7:6-7, 13).
And He said to them, "Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, 'THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME. 7 'BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN'... **13** *thus* invalidating the word of God by your tradition which you have handed down; and you do many things such as that."
- C. As the voice of God, as seen in Jesus teaching the Sadducees about the resurrection (Mt. 22:29-33).
But Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not understanding the Scriptures, or the power of God. **30** "For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. **31** "But regarding the resurrection of the dead, have you not read that which was spoken to you by God, saying, **32** 'I AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB'? He is not the God of the dead but of the living." **33** And when the multitudes heard *this*, they were astonished at His teaching.
- D. To prove His Messiahship (Jn. 5:43-47).
"I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another shall come in his own name, you will receive him. **44** "How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another, and you do not seek the glory that is from the *one and only* God? **45** "Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; the one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you have set your hope. **46** "For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote of Me. **47** "But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"
- E. To give comfort, as seen from the Sermon on the Mount and from Paul (Mt. 5:7; Rom. 15:4).
(Mt 5:7) "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy."
(Rom 15:4) For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.
- F. To draw warning examples, as in Lot's wife (Lk. 17:28-33).
"It was the same as happened in the days of Lot: they were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, they were planting, they were building; **29** but on the day that Lot went out from Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. **30** "It will be just the same on the day that the Son of Man is revealed. **31** "On that day, let not the one who is on the housetop and whose goods are in the house go down to take them away; and likewise let not the one who is in the field turn back. **32** "Remember Lot's wife. **33** "Whoever seeks to keep his life shall lose it, and whoever loses *his life* shall preserve it."
- G. To answer questions, as in His encounter with the rich ruler (Mk. 10:17-19).
And as He was setting out on a journey, a man ran up to Him and knelt before Him, and *began* asking Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" **18** And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone. **19** "You know the commandments, 'DO NOT MURDER, DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, DO NOT STEAL, DO NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS, Do not defraud, HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER.'"
- H. To meet temptation, as Jesus did by using the word of God (Mt. 4:1-22).
(Mt 4:4) But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'"
(Mt 4:7) Jesus said to him, "On the other hand, it is written, 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.'"
(Mt 4:10) Then Jesus said to him, "Begone, Satan! For it is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'"

- I. To explain unbelief, as seen in people's refusal to accept the parables (Mt. 13:14-15).
 “And in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says, ‘YOU WILL KEEP ON HEARING, BUT WILL NOT UNDERSTAND; AND YOU WILL KEEP ON SEEING, BUT WILL NOT PERCEIVE; 15 FOR THE HEART OF THIS PEOPLE HAS BECOME DULL, AND WITH THEIR EARS THEY SCARCELY HEAR, AND THEY HAVE CLOSED THEIR EYES LEST THEY SHOULD SEE WITH THEIR EYES, AND HEAR WITH THEIR EARS, AND UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEART AND RETURN, AND I SHOULD HEAL THEM.’”
- J. To expose errors, when the Jews were arguing over the wrong thing (Mt. 19:3-8).
 And *some* Pharisees came to Him, testing Him, and saying, “Is it lawful *for a man* to divorce his wife for any cause at all?” 4 And He answered and said, “Have you not read, that He who created *them* from the beginning MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE, 5 and said, ‘FOR THIS CAUSE A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER, AND SHALL CLEAVE TO HIS WIFE; AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH’? 6 “Consequently they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.” 7 They said[^] to Him, “Why then did Moses command to GIVE HER A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE AND SEND *her* AWAY?” 8 He said[^] to them, “Because of your hardness of heart, Moses permitted you to divorce your wives; but from the beginning it has not been this way.”
- K. To contrast the Old and New Testaments, as in the Sermon on the Mount (Mt. 5:21-48).
 (Mt 5:21) “You have heard that the ancients were told, ‘YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER’ and ‘Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court.’
 (Mt 5:27) “You have heard that it was said, ‘YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY’;
 (Mt 5:31) “And it was said, ‘WHOEVER SENDS HIS WIFE AWAY, LET HIM GIVE HER A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE;’
 (Mt 5:33) “Again, you have heard that the ancients were told, ‘YOU SHALL NOT MAKE FALSE VOWS, BUT SHALL FULFILL YOUR VOWS TO THE LORD.’
 (Mt 5:38) “You have heard that it was said, ‘AN EYE FOR AN EYE, AND A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH.’
 (Mt 5:43) “You have heard that it was said, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR, and hate your enemy.’”

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. Jesus believed the scriptures to be the inspired Word of God.
 B. Remember, if it's not in the Bible, we cannot prove it came from God.
 C. May we be like that mentioned in the scripture reading (2Tim. 2:15).
 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth.
 D. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; for erring Xians.