



9:00 Live Sunday School at FBJ

Knowing my Bible: Interpretation, Inspiration and Inconsistencies?

I. Which Bible is the “real” one?

A. Figures of Speech in Scripture

1. Analogies: Matthew 7:15 “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves.”
2. Hyperbole: Mark 1:4-5 “John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And **all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem** were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.”
3. Metaphor: John 6:51 “I am the living bread that came down from heaven.”
4. Personification: Genesis 4:10 “And the LORD said, “What have you done? The voice of **your brother's blood is crying** to me from the ground.”

II. Interpreting the Words

A. Thought for thought? Or word for word?

1. Three languages in Scripture: a) Hebrew b) Aramaic c) Greek
2. English ain't the easiest – Interpreting idioms “There's no cows on the ice”

B. Just how “wee” was Zacchaeus? When is he giving away his goods?

III. Which Bible do I use?

IV. An interpretation and inspiration exercise – Genesis 5

V. Inconsistencies in Scripture? What did Jesus say?

A. Matthew 13:8-9

Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a **hundredfold**, some **sixty**, some **thirty**. He who has ears, let him hear.” (ESV)

B. Mark 4:8

And other seeds fell into good soil and produced grain, growing up and increasing and yielding **thirtyfold** and **sixtyfold** and a **hundredfold**.” (ESV)

VI. My “Take Away”: To know His mind is to know His Word

Questions? Comments? Thoughts?

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“Humankind is set in place to die because we are possessed with mortality. However, when the Praised of God came down to Earth, He came with His death to take mankind to a powerful resting place.”

Man - fixed – mortal – possession - praised of God - came down - inaugurated – death - powerful - resting place

Genesis 5

Man _____

Fixed _____

Mortal _____

Possession _____

Praised of God _____

Came Down _____

Inaugurated _____

Death (weapons) _____

Powerful _____

Resting Place _____

$$15,750 / \underline{\quad} = 2,250$$

Thanks to Chuck Missler from his book *Hidden Treasures*.



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How “wee” of a “wee little man” was Zacchaeus? Depends on your translation

Didōmi - verb “to give” present, active indicative

1. Luke 19:8 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

8 Zacchaeus stopped and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I [a]will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much.”

[a] Lit am giving

2. Luke 19:8 New Living Translation (NLT)

8 Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, “I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!”

3. Luke 19:8 New International Version (NIV)

8 But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”

4. Luke 19:8 English Standard Version (ESV)

8 And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.”

5. Luke 19:8 King James Version (KJV)

8 And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord: Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.

6. Luke 19:8 New King James Version (NKJV)

8 Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold.”

7. Luke 19:8 Revised Standard Version (RSV)

8 And Zacchae’us stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold.”