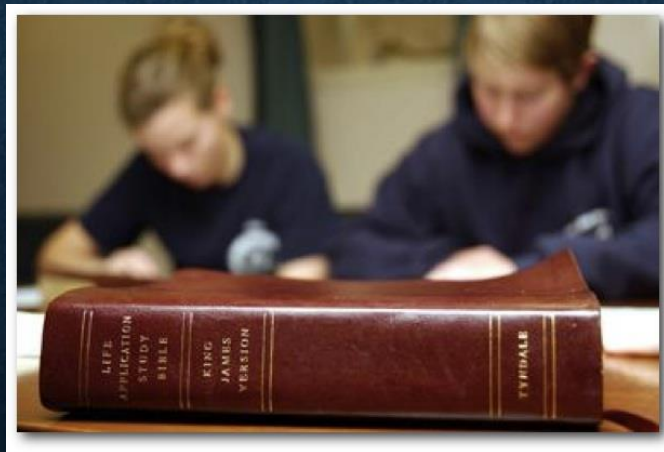


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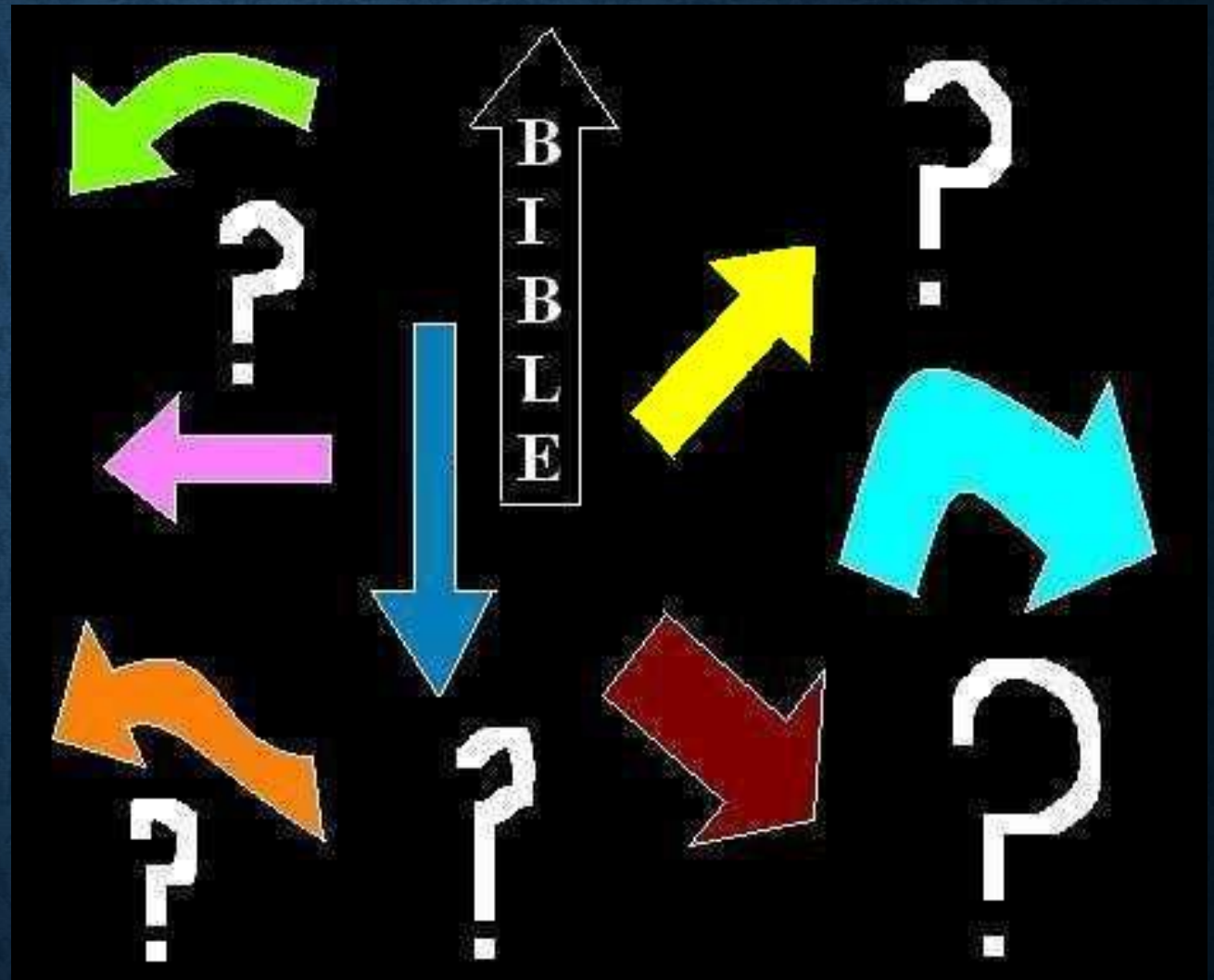
How Can We Do This Better Together?

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THE BIG QUESTION

“Father, we read the Bible and we hear so many different interpretations, how do we know if it is really true or just something made up?”

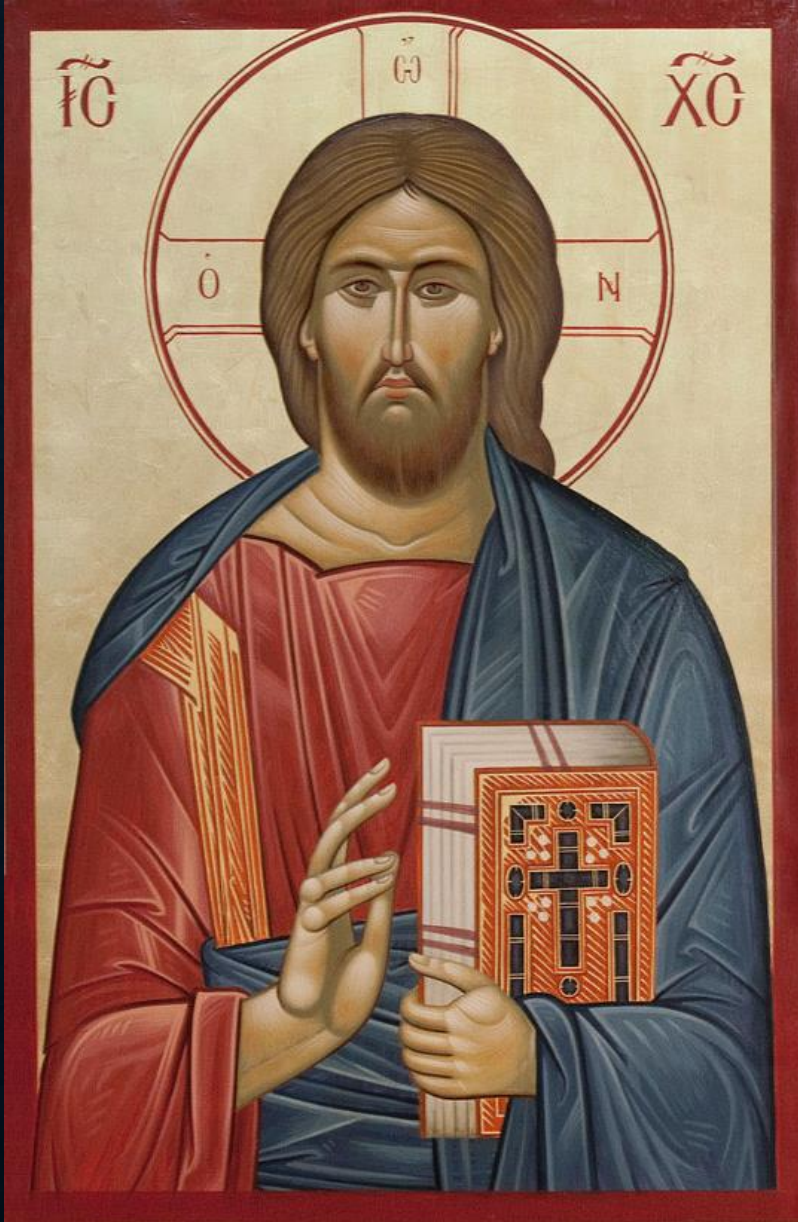


THE BIBLE IS THE SCRIPTURE OF THE CHURCH

- “For this reason, the Gospel cannot be understood outside the Church nor dogma outside worship.” Vasileios, Archimandrite. *Hymn of Entry: Liturgy and Life in the Orthodox Church*, (Crestwood, NY: SVS Press, 1984), 18.



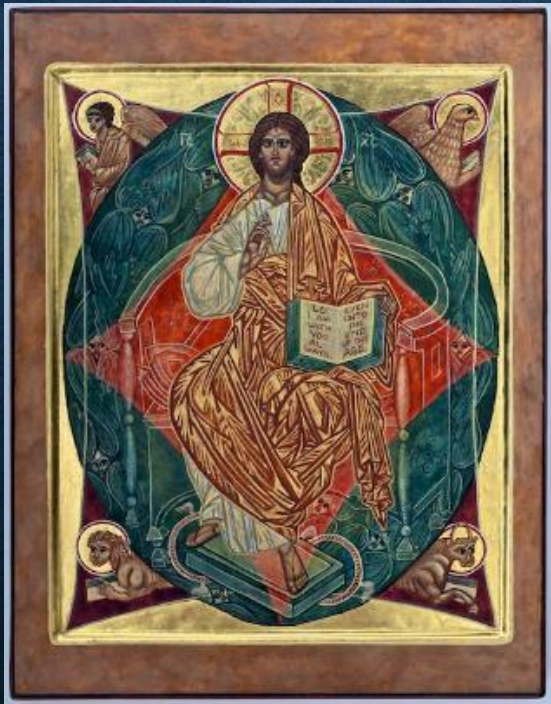
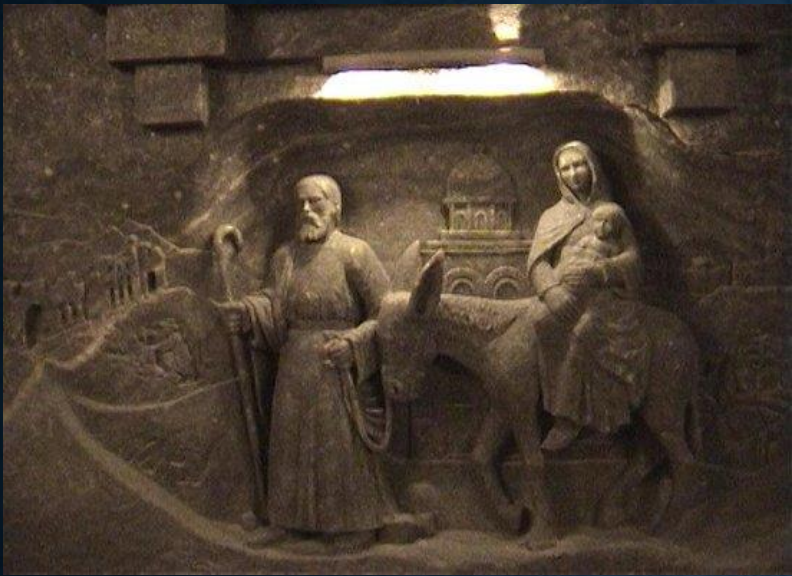
- We must be immersed in the Church to be able to teach the Bible and those who seek to learn the Bible must likewise be immersed in the Church in order understand it.



THE BIBLE IS A LITURGICAL BOOK

- The Liturgy is One Profound Mediation on the Scriptures
- It is encountered in the Liturgical Life
- The Role of Icons
- Make it come alive through worship





THE BIBLE IS A COMMUNAL BOOK

- “We read the Bible personally, but not as isolated individuals.” Ware
- Study it together
- A call for communal action



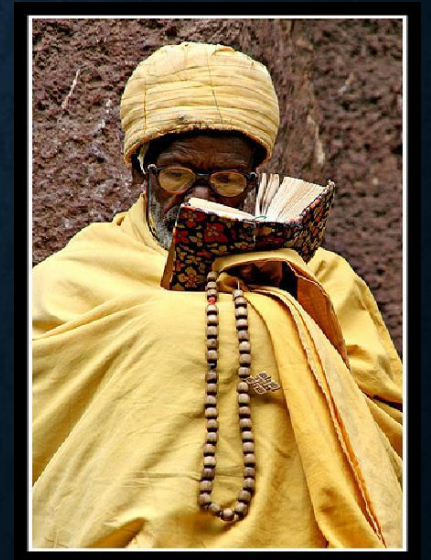
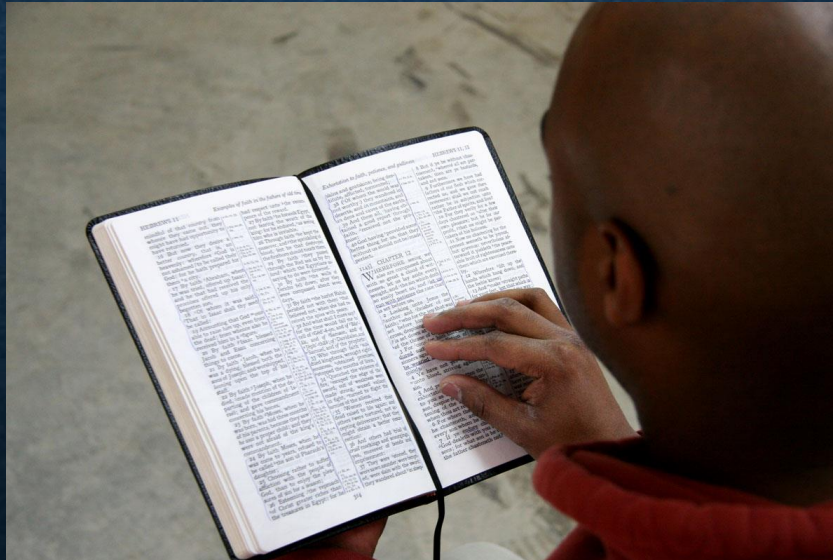
THE BIBLE IS THE BOOK OF THE CHURCH

- “Everything in the Church is judged by the Bible.” Hopko
- The Bible is within the Church and the Church is within the Bible, then the Bible itself comes alive
- We can easily forget this as we teach the Bible, that we are witnessing to something bigger.



THE BIBLE IS PERSONAL

- “Whenever you read the Gospel, Christ Himself is speaking to you. And while you read, you are praying and talking to Him.” St. Tikhon of Zadonsk
- Peruse the Scriptures daily
- Pray before reading
- Make the Bible available



THE BIBLE IS THE BOOK OF FAITH

- “To return to our present concern at this point, we repeat that it is the witness of the Church that the whole Bible reveals God and makes Him known in His Word” Hopko
- The goal is to know God and grow in communion with Him
- To know the reality of God



CONCLUSION

- “Those who say true words, and surely those who preach God’s Word, must know God, themselves, and others as they really are. This accomplishment, say the saints, is an achievement greater than raising the dead”

