"Maybe it Doesn't Mean What I Think It Means" The Bible

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What is your real favorite book and what book do you pretend is your favorite to impress people?

What is your biggest hang-up/question about the Bible?

What comes to your mind when you hear the phrase, "word of God?"

Who do these verses identify as the word of God?

Psalm 19:1 John 1:1 Hebrews 1:1-2 Hebrews 4:12-13 Revelation 19:13

Read the following verses and ask: Would Jesus do this?

1 Samuel 15:2-3 Numbers 31:17-18 Joshua 6:1

Read Hosea 13:16. How does this fit with how Jesus treated the Samaritans? Read Leviticus 21:18-21. How does this fit with Jesus in Matthew 8:3 and Matthew 12:13? Read Isaiah 59:2. How does this fit with Jesus in Luke 15:2

What do we do with parts of the Bible that don't fit with the life and character of Jesus?

How do these verses help answer the question?

Matthew 17:1-8 - Moses represents the Law and Elijah represents the Prophets.

Matthew 28:18

What do you think about this comment by New Testament scholar, N.T. Wright, who reminds us that Jesus did not say, "all authority in heaven and on earth is given unto a book you chaps are going to write."?

Jesus and Paul sum up the main theme of the Bible.

Matthew 7:12 Matthew 22:40 Galatians 5:14 James 2:8

What is the main theme?

The direction of the Bible is toward a more loving, compassionate ethic.

That's the "word" Jesus gives.

