

A person in a white robe is shown from the chest down, holding a large, unrolled scroll. The person's hands are visible at the ends of the scroll. The background is a light, neutral color.

Scripture

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The Bible: Part 3



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THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED



Sharing:

1. *What do you think about the Christian belief that God desires to communicate with us personally through the Bible? Have you ever experienced this in your own life?*
2. *What about this video clip did you find most interesting, or grabbed your attention?*
3. *What questions were prompted by this video clip?*

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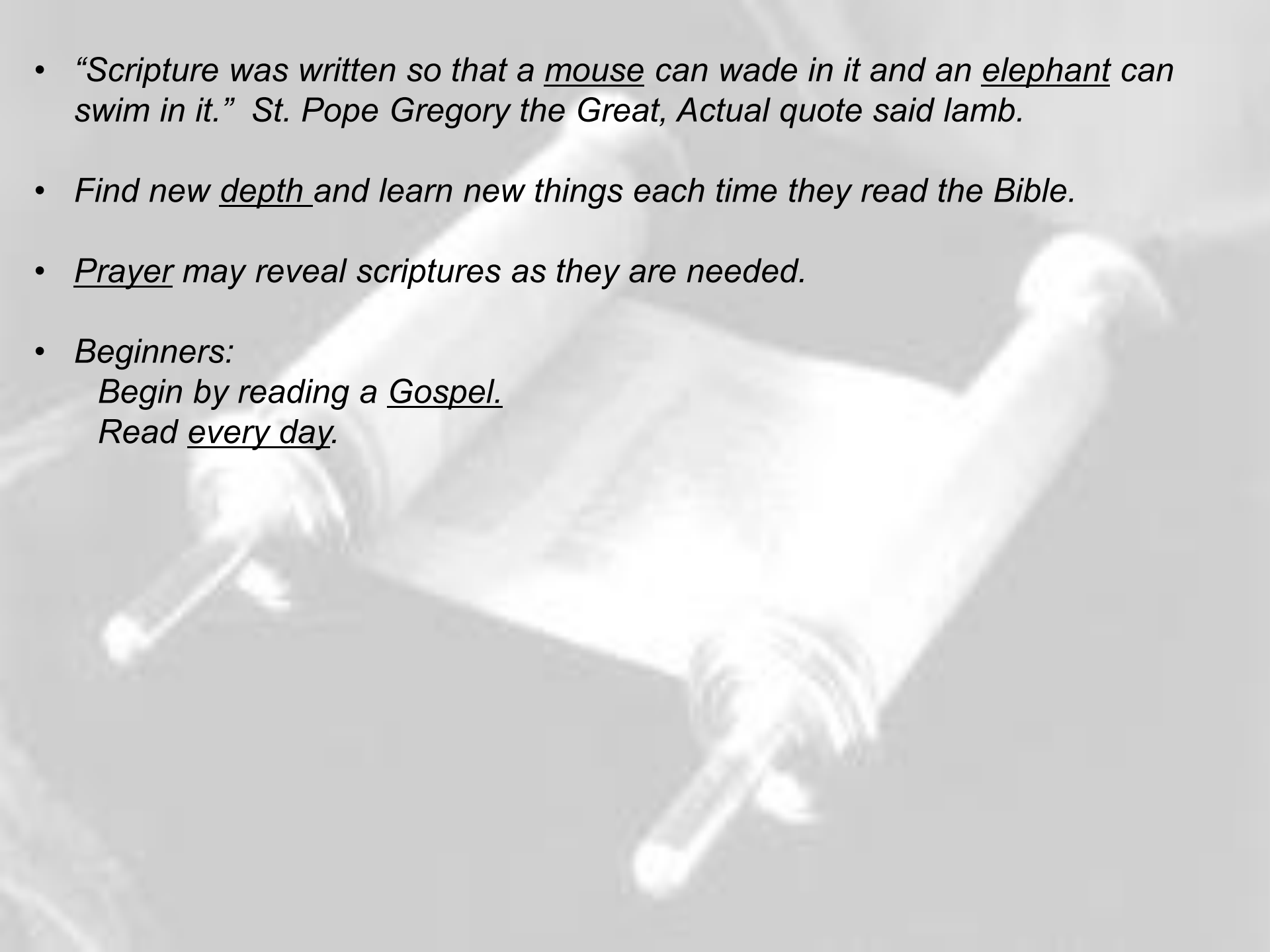
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Begin by reading one of the _____.
Read _____.

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 - *Beginners:*
Begin by reading a Gospel.
Read every day.

Review of the facts:

The Catholic Bible Contains 73 books

OT: 46 NT:27

The Bible was written:

- *Over a 1500-year span [1400 B.C. to A.D. 100]*
- *Over 40 generations*
- *Over 40 authors from many walks of life*
- *On three continents: Asia, Africa and Europe*
- *In three languages: Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek*

“When was your church founded, and by whom?”

- **Catholic Church** – 33 A.D.
founded by Jesus Christ, Pentecost in Jerusalem
Peter as first leader in Rome
- **Lutheran Church** – 1517
Martin Luther, Germany
- **Anglican Church** – 1534
Henry VIII, England
- **Reformed / Presbyterian** – 1536
John Calvin, Switzerland/Scotland
- **Anabaptists / Mennonites**
1609 John Smyth, Holland
- **Methodists** 1730s
John Wesley, England
- **Church of Christ (Restoration Movement)**
early 1800s (U.S.)
- **Mormons / LDS – Church Jesus Christ
of Latter-Day Saints** – 1830 (Joseph Smith, U.S.)
- **Seventh-day Adventists** 1863
Ellen G. White
- **Jehovah's Witnesses** 1872
Charles Taze Russell, U.S.
- **Pentecostal Churches** 1901
Azusa Street Revival, U.S.
- **Assemblies of God** 1914
- **Iglesia ni Cristo** - 1914 (Felix Manalo,
Philippines)
- **MCGI (Members Church of God
International / “Ang Dating Daan”)**
- 1977 (Eli Soriano, Philippines)

Bible Comparison

WORD BANK:

73	39	40	Greek
66	27	Africa	Book
46	1500	Europe	Chapter
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Catholic

_____ books

Old Testament/Hebrew text (OT): _____

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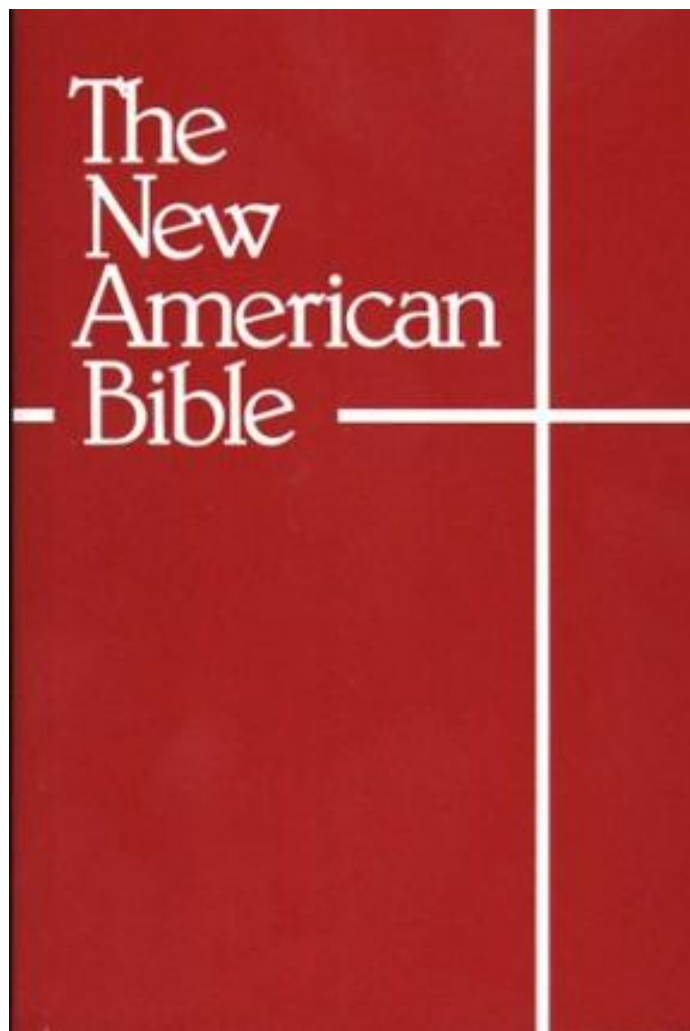
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How do we find a Bible passage?


Time to open your New American Bible




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- Table of contents
- Breaking the Code: Is. 40:13-14

ISAIAH

 **40** “Comfort, comfort my people,”
says your God.
2 “Speak to the heart of Jerusalem,
And proclaim to her that her compulsory
service has been fulfilled, That her guilt
has been paid off.”

 **13** Who has taken the measurements
of the spirit of Jehovah,
And who can instruct him as his adviser?
14 With whom did he consult to gain . . .



Let's Practice

Genesis 1:1-3

John 3:16

Isaiah 41:10

Acts 1:11

It's Time For



How we read Scripture

*If the New Testament is the new Covenant...
why do we still read the Old Testament?*



(Does a tree only begin at ground level?)

How we read Scripture



Q. Do we take the Bible literally?

A. Not literally, but literarily.

We believe the Holy Spirit inspired the authors of sacred Scripture, therefore...

Not everything in Scripture is literally true, But
everything in Scripture is literarily true.

All of scripture communicates God's TRUTH.

Literally vs Literarily

- LITERALLY means that something means exactly what it says:

“My aunt from Nebraska is literally my last living relative”

- LITERARILY means something in relation to books or literature:

“She had doves in her eyes”

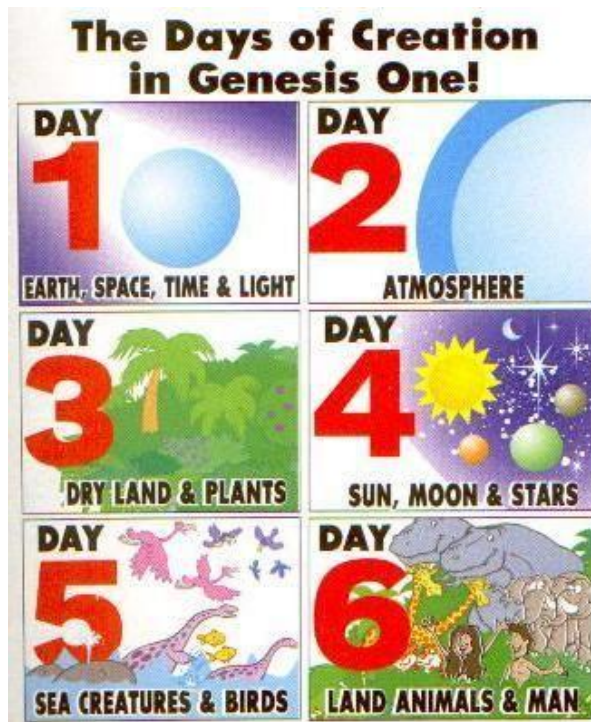
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Group Activity

Read and discuss the meaning of the Scripture passage assigned:

Genesis 1:1 – 2:3
(odd # groups)

Genesis 2:15 – 24
(even # groups)



How do we communicate with God?

How does God communicate with us?

Uncertainty:

Philippians 4: 6-7

Afraid/Fear: 365 times

Isaiah 41:10

2 Timothy 1:7

Discernment:

Romans 12:2

Thessalonians 5:21 – 22

Psalms 139: 23-24

Psalms 37:5

Trust in God:

Proverbs 3: 5 – 6



Learn the Word of God

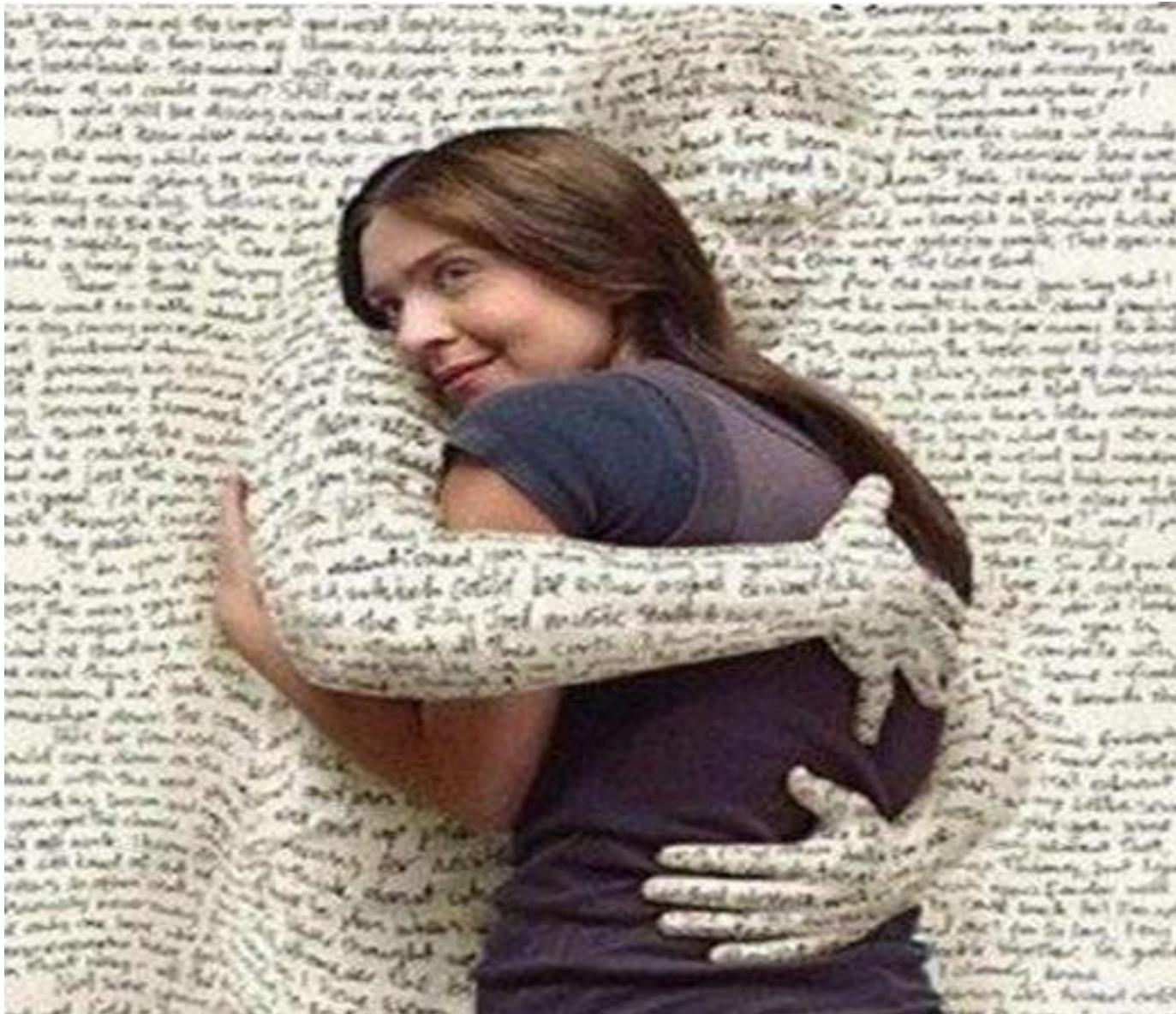
Psalms 119:11

The main things to be sure we know about the Bible...

1. Each book is inspired by the Holy Spirit and culminates in the Person of Jesus
2. The Bible is like Jesus – fully human and fully divine
3. We don't read the Bible literally, but literarily
4. The Bible teaches the TRUTH
5. God wants to communicate with us **personally**

How'd we do? Questions?

Only the Word of God can do this...



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