

Getting into the Bible

How is the Bible

Just Like Every Other Book?

- Text on a page, printed, published, bound, available on kindle, hardcover, softcover
- Genres: Poetry, Narrative, History, Wisdom (Self-Help), Biography
- Chapters, Sections, Divisions
- A Plot-Line & accompanying drama
- Clear Intro (Genesis) and Conclusion (Revelation)
- It's for reading

Entirely Unlike Every Other Book?

- Written over 1,000 years by over 40 different authors
- Claims to be God's Word thousands of times
- Jesus Christ claims it's entirely fulfilled in Him (Luke 24:27, 44-47)
- Reaches back to Creation, extends to Consummation (Genesis 1:1 - Revelation 22:21)
- God-breathed = "inspired" (2 Timothy 3:16)
- Prophecy & Fulfillment Within It - and beyond it
- Most Published, most purchased, most written about, most read book of all time
- Divine & Human book: God's word written via human authors (Hebrews 1:1-3)

Jesus is God & Man. The Bible is written by God & Man. Jesus is the Word made Flesh.

- John 1:1-3

Who is the Bible all about? **Jesus** (2 Corinthians 1:20)

Why isn't the Bible only 4 chapters long? **Sin**

(Genesis 1-2 is before sin, Revelation 21-22 is after sin)

What does Galatians 1:8-9 have to do with Islam, Mormonism, Jehovah Witnesses and other cults? **Cults assert a false gospel, usually by appealing to revelation received from an angel**