

# **THE DOCTRINE OF SCRIPTURE**

**Part One: A theology of Scripture**

*The authorship, character, and  
authority of the Bible*

**Adult Sunday School**

**9:30 am**

**Teacher: Mark Lincoln**

## How can we substantiate the claim that the Scriptures are God's Words?

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- **Fact:** The Scriptures are a historical set of writings by historical authors about historical events
- **Starting Point:** What do the authors of this historical document claim about its authorship?

# Divine Origin of Scripture

## Self-Claims

### 1. Old Testament

#### A. Direct Statements

#### B. New Testament's view of the OT

- Summary – **Hebrews 1:1**; “God spoke” refers to the entire written OT

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## Self-Claims

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#### C. Jesus' View of the OT

- Asserted the authority of the written text of the OT (**Matthew 5:17-18**)
- Viewed OT prophecies about Himself as His Father's word/will
- **John 10:34-35** – “the Law”, “Scripture” equals “the word of God”
- **Mark 12:35-36** – “by the Holy Spirit”

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➤ These combine to overwhelmingly *claim* that the written words of the Old Testament are the words of God

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#### A. Words of Jesus

- The Gospels claim to quote Jesus – His words are viewed as God's words (He spoke from God – **John 12:49-50**)
- **John 14:25-26** – These words are to be brought to remembrance by the activity of the Holy Spirit

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#### B. Direct Claims of Divine Origin

- **1 Corinthians 2:1-13; 14:37**
- **Galatians 1:11-12**
- **Ephesians 3:1-5**
- **1 Thessalonians 2:13**
- **Hebrews 1:1-2; 2:1-4**
- **2 Peter 3:2**

➤ **the apostles, like the prophets in the OT, were viewed as God's spokesmen**

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#### C. Equated with Scripture (OT)

- **Hebrews 2:1-3** – compares the unalterable word of the OT with the gospel; greater judgment for neglecting this revelation
- **2 Peter 3:14-16** – equates all of Paul's letters with Scripture
- **2 Timothy 3:15-16** – the gospel entrusted to Timothy is equated with the “sacred writings/Scripture”