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The Matter of Biblical Authority

1. The Bible itself claims to be authoritative

2 Timothy 3:16-17

John 5:39

James 1:22

Hebrews 4:12-13

2 Peter 1:20-21

2. The Bible was accepted as authoritative by Israel

Joshua 1:7-8

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

3. The Bible was considered authoritative by Christ

Matthew 5:17-18

Matthew 4:1-11

Luke 24:27, 44

4. The Bible was viewed as authoritative by the apostles

2 Peter 3:15-16

1 Corinthians 14:37

Acts 1:6

2 Peter 1:3-4

Conclusion

Questions for discussion

1. How do the following verses encourage you as you read your Bible? John 17:17; Hebrews 6:18; 2 Peter 1:20-21; James 1:22
2. Respond to the statement that "the Bible is not relevant to real life situations today because it was written so long ago" using 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and Hebrews 4:12-13.
3. What have you learned from our study that will help you in sharing the message of salvation to others?