

What is Jesuism?

The cult of Jesuism claims to be helping to return Jesus' words in scripture to purity. The Jesus Seminar did something similar. They voted on whether or not a word from Jesus was true with colored balls. As one might imagine, passages about: sin, judgement and hell are seen as 'not pure' and those verses were voted down. Thomas Jefferson was known to cut Jesus' words out of the scriptures.

The fact is, scholars have worked to more clearly understand Jesus' sayings and actions based on manuscript evidence.

Jesus, spoke about hell more than any other person in the bible for a reason—he didn't want people to go there (2 Pe 3:9).

Red letter bibles are somewhat misleading because *all* of the bible is inspired by God (2 Tim. 3:16). Men wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 2:10–14). This is called the *verbal plenary inspiration* of the scriptures.

God has promised that the sinner who will not humble himself before him will be punished (Ex 32:34). His wrath is described as: prolonged (Ps 90:9), great (Zech 7:12), stored up (Ro 2:5-8) and abiding (Jn 3:36). Men will be judged for: disobedience (2 Chr. 7:19–22), rejecting God's warnings (2 Chr. 36:16, 17), idolatry (Jer 7:30-34) and loving evil (Ro 1:18-32).

God is merciful. Judgement can be avoided by: trusting God (Deut 30:1-3), turning from sin (Jer 7:3-7), humbling one's self before the Lord (Jon 1:1017) and heartfelt prayer (2 Kin. 19:14–36; 2 Chr. 20:5–30).¹

Whether it is: indifference, denial or rebellion, men resist God's truth (Jn 3:19). The apostle Paul wrote:

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables (2 Ti 4:3–5).

Men can trust the entirety of God's word. It is: authoritative (1 Pet. 4:11), inspired (2 Tim. 3:16), effectual in life (1 Thess. 2:13), true (Ps 119:160), perfect (Ps 19:7), sharp (Heb 4:12) and pure (Pr 30:5).²

Does that mean that throughout time there has never been a typo? No, of course not. But, the *meaning* of scripture has been preserved by God for men who would believe. The apostle John wrote: But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name (Jn 1:12a).

The psalmist wrote: Every word of God is pure (Pr 30:5a). Men are not to add to or take away from the scriptures. In Deuteronomy it is written: You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it (Dt 4:2a).

¹ Thomas Nelson Publishers. (1996). *Nelson's quick reference topical Bible index* (p. 357). Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers.

² Ibid p. 550.

The scriptures can be challenging. It takes courage to read God's message to us. He most certainly did not want his 66 love letters left on a cutting room floor.

God wants us to look like his Son and how can that happen if we were to reject his word? Jn 1:1

Regarding Jeremiah 36:21-23, J. Vernon McGee wrote:

So the king sent Jehudi to fetch the roll: and he took it out of Elishama the scribe's chamber. And Jehudi read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes which stood beside the king.

Now the king sat in the winterhouse in the ninth month: and there was a fire on the hearth burning before him.

And it came to pass, that when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was on the hearth [Jer. 36:19–23].

That shows you what Jehoiakim thought of the Word of God: he took it and just flung it into the fire! He didn't care for it. He didn't accept it. He didn't believe it.

I am not impressed that the Bible is still the best seller of all books. Who is actually *reading* the Bible today? Ignoring the Bible is really no different from throwing it into the fire as Jehoiakim did...³

The distortion of the scriptures is forbidden (Prov. 30:5, 6; Rev. 22:18–20) but it is predicted as we move closer to Christ's return (2 Tim. 4:3, 4).

³ McGee, J. V. (1991). *Thru the Bible commentary: The Prophets (Jeremiah/Lamentations)* (electronic ed., Vol. 24, p. 149). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.