



Grasping God's Word

Week 7

What Do We Bring
To The Text?

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- Read Ch. 6 "Literary Context" this week
- Submit questions:
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Burning Questions & Answers

Q: How has Jesus' interaction with the Woman in the well (John 4) impacted the Samaritan people today? Are there more people practicing Christianity than samaritanism? Is that what their religion is called?

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*Q: What is the main purpose of **Matthew, Mark, Luke and John**? What is the need of having different perspectives telling the same story? If the main point/message is the same, why is there a need to tell it in different ways?*


*Q: Have you used the **Blue Letter Bible** on line as a resource? Just wanted to get your thoughts about it. I enjoyed using it for my devotion and studies. Would you recommend it to others?*



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BLB Statement of Faith



Our statement of faith, mission, and resources are grounded in the historical, conservative Christian faith. While this dictates our publication policy, it does not define the extent of our fellowship.

1. We affirm the Bible to be the inspired, inerrant, and the only infallible and authoritative Word of God. We affirm the Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy.
2. We affirm that there is one God, eternally existent in three distinct persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. We affirm the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and His personal return in power and glory.
4. We affirm that for the salvation of lost and sinful people, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
5. We affirm the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
6. We affirm the resurrection of both the saved and the lost: they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
7. We affirm the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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PREUNDERSTANDING

Preunderstanding refers to all of our preconceived notions and understanding that we bring to the text, which have been formulated, both consciously and subconsciously, before we actually study the text in detail.

PREUNDERSTANDING

The Dangers of Preunderstanding:

- Pride
- Theological Agenda
- Familiarity
- Cultural Baggage

PREUNDERSTANDING

Pride “encourages us to think that we have got the correct meaning before we have made the appropriate effort to recover it. Pride does not listen. It knows.”

- Kevin Vanhoozer

PREUNDERSTANDING

What is interpretational reflex?

The automatic transportation of the biblical text into our cultural world.

PREUNDERSTANDING

The Impact of Interpretational Reflex?

- We fill in the gaps in the biblical text with explanations and background from our culture.
- Our cultural background limits the possibilities of a text even before we grapple with the intended meaning.

PREUNDERSTANDING

What is a foundational belief

While we must let our preunderstanding change each time we study the passage, foundational beliefs do not change as we read a passage. Foundational beliefs are connected to our overall view of the Bible.

PREUNDERSTANDING

Evangelical Foundational Beliefs

- **The Bible is the Word of God.**
- **The Bible is trustworthy and true.**
- **God has entered into human history; the the supernatural does occur.**
- **The Bible is not contradictory; it is unified, yet diverse.**

VIDEO: *The Peopled Nature of Interpretation*

Jeannine Brown, 2013

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9epTN0b6FP4>

Activity

Describe your family background in regard to cultural influences. Discuss as well as you can both your mother (and her family) and your father (and his family). Include any other families that may have influenced you as well. For each, discuss attitudes and views toward religion, family, work, education, and wealth. Describe the socioeconomic location of your family and its religious context. Also, how do members of your family tend to relate to each other? Does your family tend to be warm and huggy or cold and distant? Finally, try to relate these relationship backgrounds to your own set of values and outlooks. What have you retained? What have you rejected?

Bonus: Apart from your family, can you think of the other significant “people in the room” with you as you read the Bible?

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