



Becoming
Biblically
Literate

Relearning to Read the Bible

John 5:39-40 & Hebrews 4:12-13

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What is the Bible and how do you read it?



"God said it. I believe it. That settles it."

The best approach to reading the bible is to read it literarily.

Matthew 22:43

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“To submit oneself to the encounter with Jesus is not to arrive at some iron-clad certainty that solves all of your problems. You don't have to set aside your questions. You only have to stop letting those questions be a defense, an excuse to not take a leap. Because sometimes we want answers to those questions precisely to avoid encountering the Jesus who would rock our world.”

- James K.A. Smith, *Encountering Jesus, Encountering Scripture*