

John 5:39

John 5:39 – “Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.”

- A. Consider what it means to “search” the word of God (**Isaiah 34:16**).
 - 1. Searching the Scriptures requires a proper preparation (**II Chronicles 31:20-21, Ezra 7:10, Psalms 119:2, Psalms 119:34, Luke 8:15, and I Peter 2:1-2**).
 - 2. Searching the Scriptures requires a daily commitment (**Psalms 1:1-2, Proverbs 8:32-36, and Acts 17:10-11**).
 - 3. Searching the Scriptures requires an understanding of the value of the Scriptures (**Psalms 119:72, I Corinthians 15:1-2, Colossians 1:5-6, and II Timothy 3:15-17**).
 - a. They’re valuable because of the power therein (**Psalms 19:7, Romans 1:16, I Corinthians 1:18, and Hebrews 4:12**).
 - b. They’re valuable because of the source (**Job 32:8, I Corinthians 2:9-13, I Corinthians 14:37, I Thessalonians 2:13, and II Peter 1:19-21**).
 - 4. To search the Scriptures you have to have a true interest in them (**Luke 10:38-42; cf. Psalms 119:167**).
- B. Rightfully, the Jews thought that the Scriptures offered them salvation (**Isaiah 45:17**).
 - 1. This is the promise they’ve heard throughout many generations (**Deuteronomy 33:29, II Samuel 3:18, Jeremiah 23:6, Zechariah 8:7, and John 4:22**).
 - 2. The Old Testament has plenty to say about Jesus (**Luke 24:27 and Luke 24:44**), notice a few examples:
 - a. **Micah 5:2; cf. Matthew 2:1; 4-6.**
 - b. **Deuteronomy 18:15-18; cf. Acts 3:22-26.**
 - c. **Isaiah 9:1-2; cf. Matthew 4:12-17.**
 - d. **Isaiah 11:1-5; cf. Luke 4:16-21.**
 - e. **Isaiah 53:4; cf. Matthew 8:16-17.**
- C. Sadly, these Jews missed (**Acts 28:23-27**) that the promises to them for salvation were directly tied to Christ (**Acts 13:22-23 and Galatians 3:16; 29**).
 - 1. Moses and the Law could not save them (**Acts 13:32-39 and Galatians 2:16; cf. John 1:17**).
 - 2. No one, outside of Jesus, can offer true salvation (**Acts 4:10-12**).