

It's all about Him, "Jesus."

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JOHN 5:46 (NKJV) - (46) For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me.

In **Luke 16:19–31** Jesus tells the story of Lazarus and the rich man. At the end, Jesus makes the point that those who reject the written Word of God won't be convinced by anything, even a miracle of resurrection. The same idea is in play here as Jesus responds to His critics (**John 5:18**). These men have plenty of evidence, including the words of other men (**John 5:33**) and seeing Jesus' miracles in person (**John 5:36**).

More importantly, these men are well-trained experts in the Jewish Scriptures. They know the law of Moses. And yet, they reject Jesus and His message. This is not due to ignorance, this is due to a willful refusal to see the truth (**John 5:39–40**). Jesus is making His criticism of the local religious leaders extremely personal. They claim to believe in the words Moses wrote—Jesus calls their claim a lie. Since the Old Testament predicted Jesus, and the Pharisees refuse to accept Him (**John 5:38–40**), they don't really want to know the will of God. They are more concerned with the rules and laws of other men (**Matthew 15:6–9**).

By some counts, more than 300 Old Testament prophecies point to Jesus Christ and were fulfilled by Him in His life on earth. These include prophecies about His unique birth (**Isaiah 7:14**), His earthly ministry (**Isaiah 61:1**), and even the way He would die (**Psalms 22**). Jesus shocked the religious establishment when He stood up in the synagogue of Nazareth and read from **Isaiah 61**, concluding with this commentary: "This scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing today" (**Luke 4:18–21**).

Many today continue to get caught up in commercialism, idolatry and even the monthly seasonal theme. I'm here to proclaim, "It's all about Him!" It is very important to be knowledgeable of His birth, death, burial, and resurrection, but let us never forget and prove it in our worship to "**THE**" King! It's all about Him. From the beginning to the end.

SCRIPTURE READING

JONAH 2:8

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

If you are worshipping God without depending on the spirit of God, you are serving a god you do not know.

"A JOURNEY OF THE HEART"