

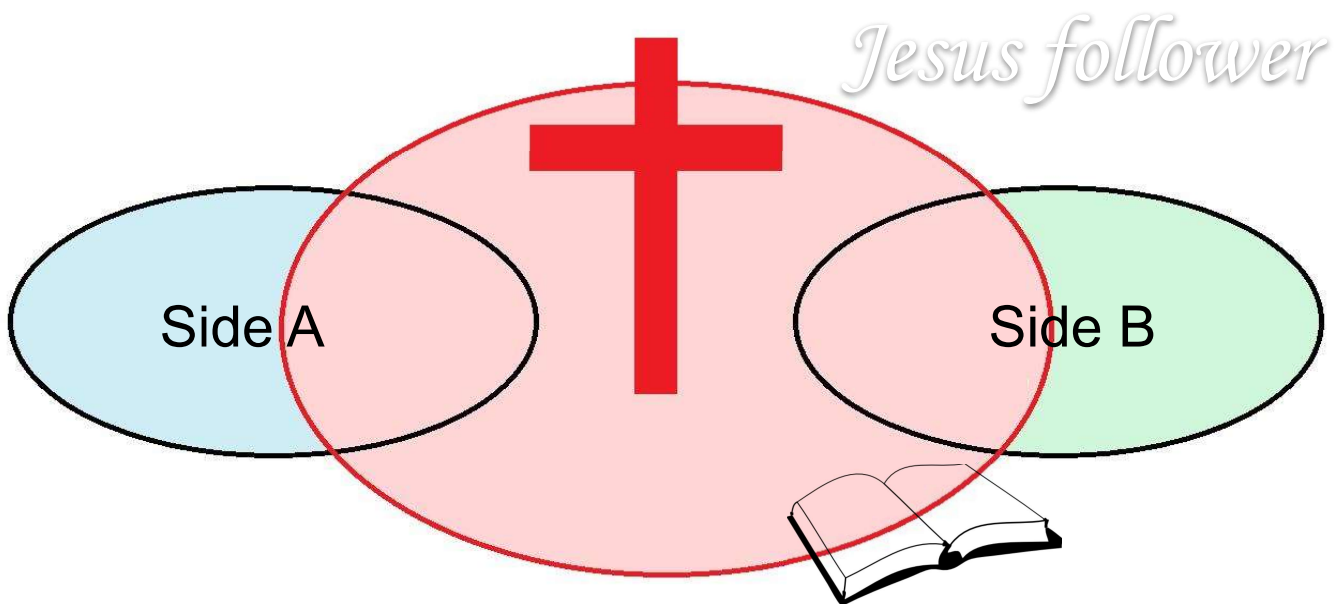
“What About The Bible?”

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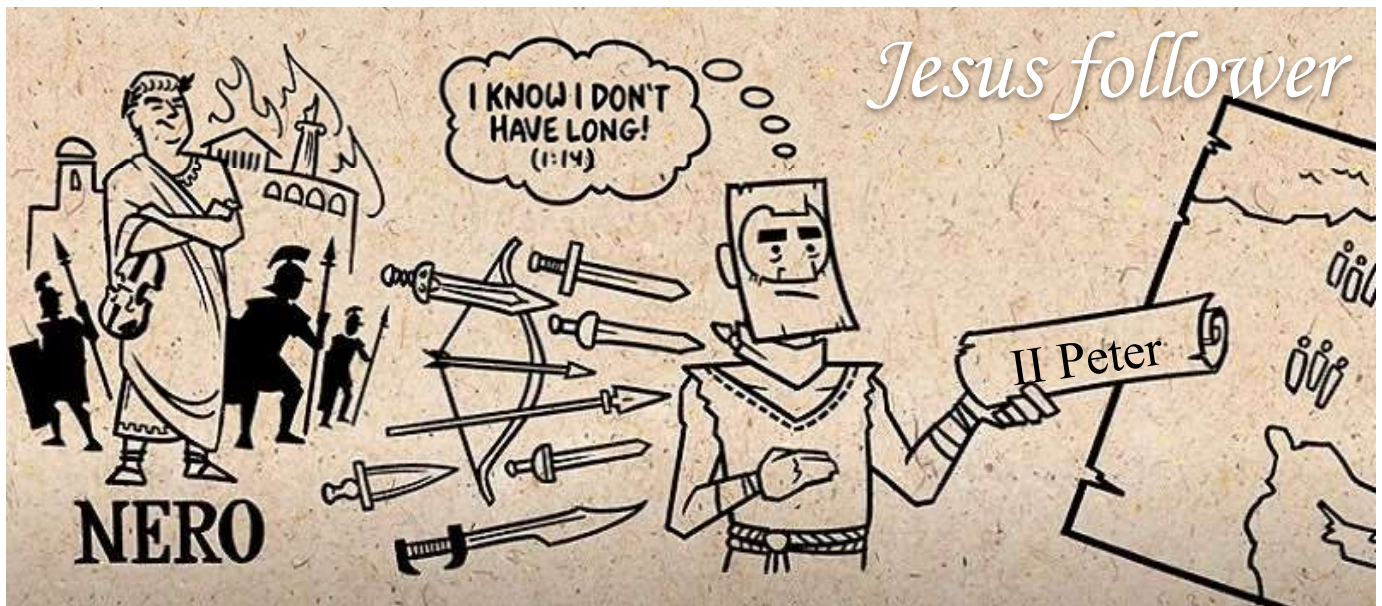




Our problem with the bible



Is the bible clear?



2 Peter 3:14-18

So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, **make every effort** to be found **spotless, blameless and at peace with him.**

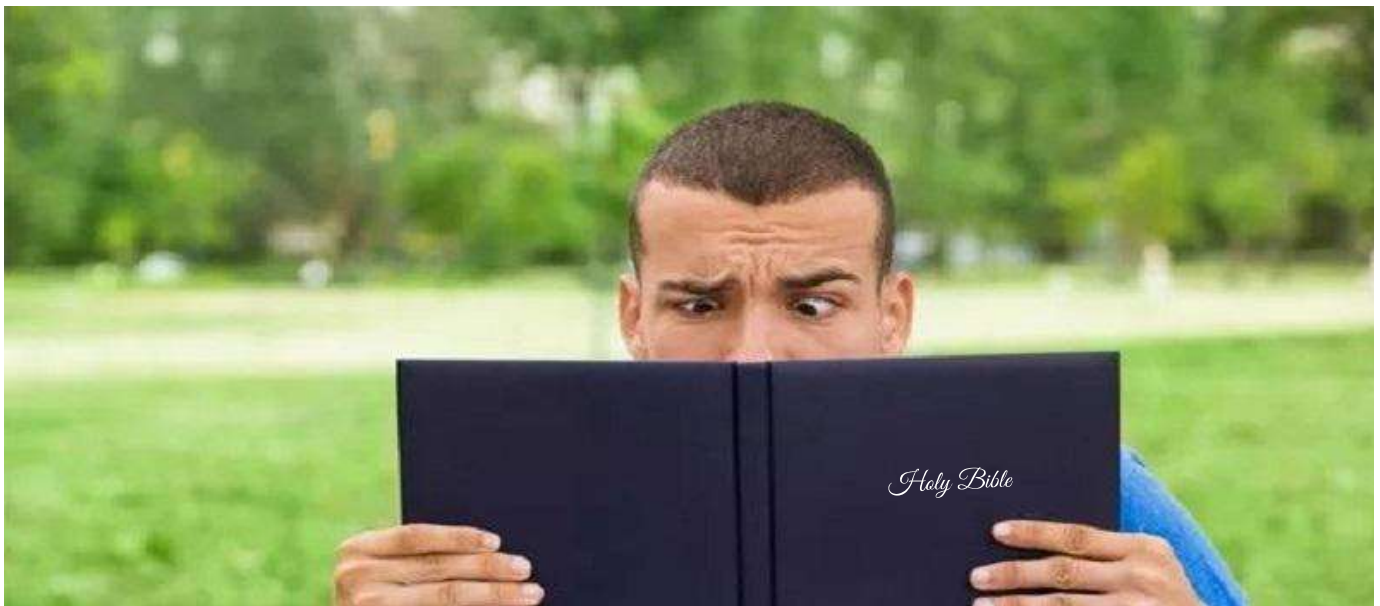
Bear in mind that **our Lord's patience** means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with **the wisdom that God gave him.**

2 Peter 3:14-15

Paul writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters.

His letters contain some things that are **hard to understand**, which **ignorant and unstable people distort**, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

2 Peter 3:16



the CHALLENGE when reading the bible

εἰ θέλεις τέλειος εἶναι

ὑπάγε πώλησόν σου τὰ ὑπάρχοντα,

καὶ δὸς τοῖς πτωχοῖς,

καὶ ἔξεις θησαυρὸν ἐν οὐρανοῖς

καὶ δεῦρο ἀκολουθεῖ μοι

Matthew 19:21

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If you desire perfected to be

ὑπάγε πώλησόν σου τὰ ὑπάρχοντα,

Go sell of you the possessing (what you possess)

καὶ δὸς τοῖς πτωχοῖς,

And give to the poor

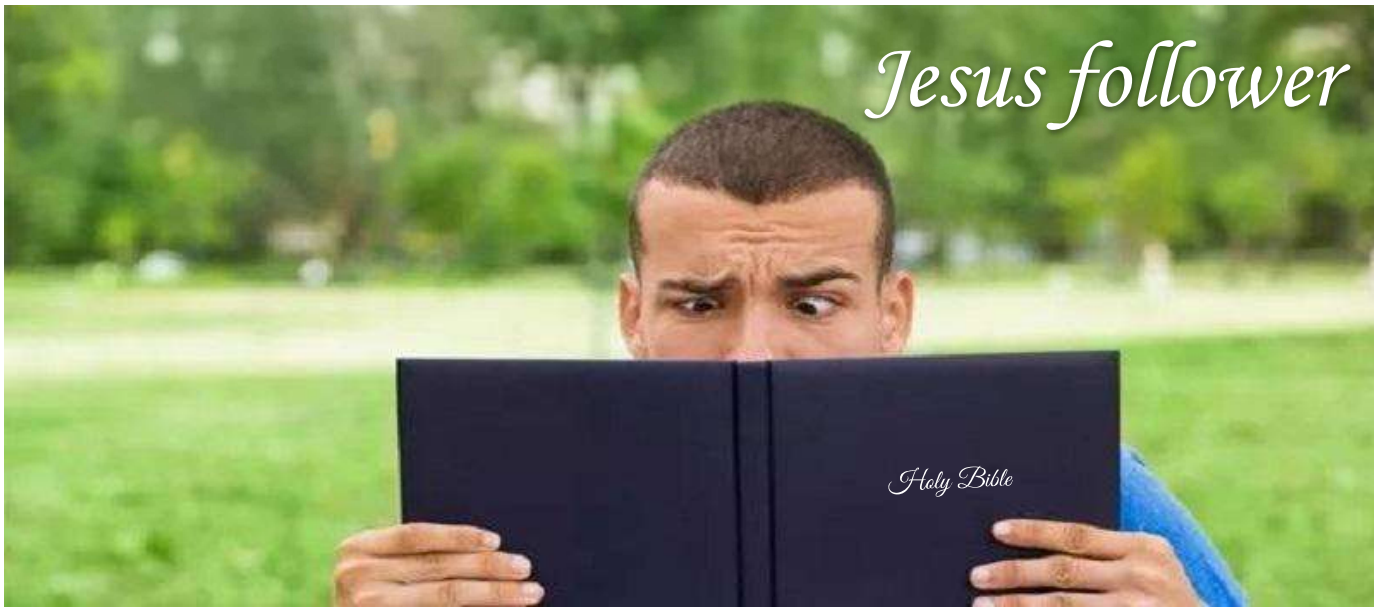
καὶ ἔξεις θησαυρὸν ἐν οὐρανοῖς

And you will have treasures in the heavens.

καὶ δεῦρο ἀκολουθεῖ μοι

And come follow me.

Matthew 19:21



the CHALLENGE when reading the bible



the DANGER when reading the bible

Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of the **lawless** and fall from your **secure position**.

But **grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

2 Peter 3:17-18



the BEST WAY to read the bible



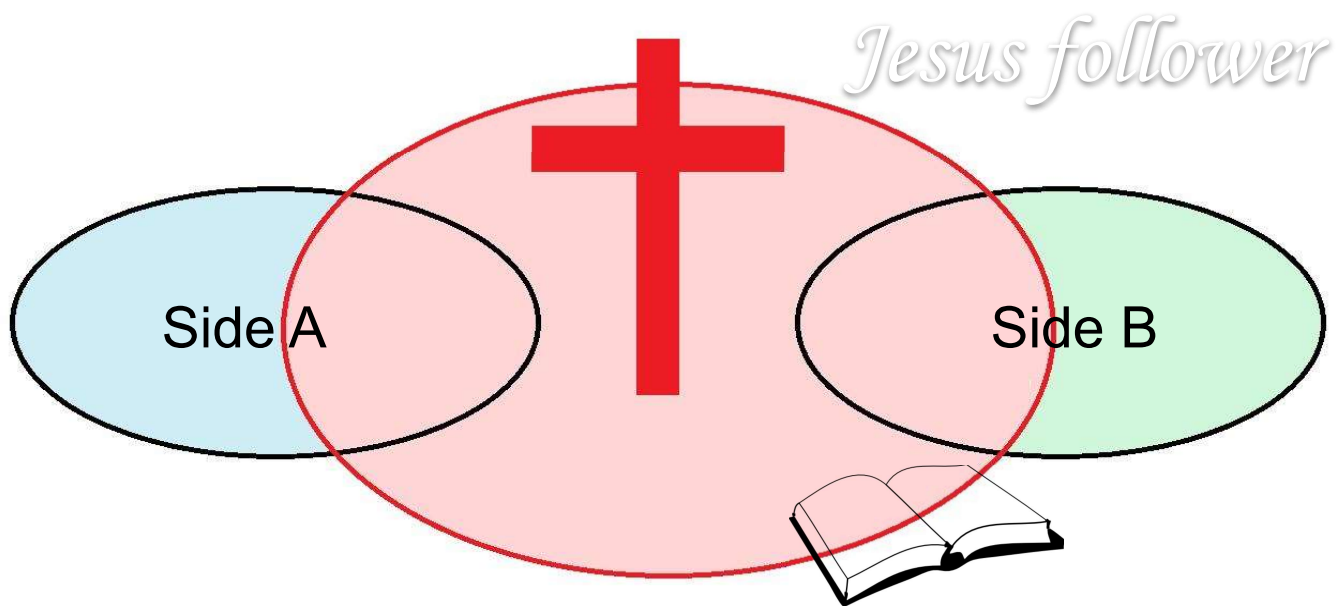
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Falling from our secure position!?





It all starts here...

Jesus follower
Prayer

Lord Jesus, without you the bible is too hard for me. Help me to listen for you on my knees as I read the bible. Help me to grow in grace and in my knowledge of you. Amen.