## Scripture - cont.

- By substituting their word for God's word (Matthew 5:3,6).
- By ignoring God's word (Matthew 22:29).
- By saying God's word is out of date (1 Peter 1:25).
- By misinterpreting God's word (2 Peter 3:16).
- By claiming modern revelation of God's word (Jude 3).
- By adding to or taking from God's word (Revelation 22:17).

It is so important today to hold a high view of scripture. As Jesus said, "the scripture cannot be broken"! We need to remember that scripture is holy (Romans 1:2). The scripture shut up all things under sin (Galatians 3:22). The scripture is God-breathed (2 Timothy 3:16). The scripture does not speak in vain (James 4:5). And, the scripture is not from man, but from the words of the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:20).

Friends, let us change our life to fit scripture, not attempt to change scripture to fit our life! - Chris Reeves

## - Thought of the Week -

I am going to die one day, but how am I going to die? By "how", I don't mean in the sense of manner. I don't mean a natural death versus some other kind of death. By "how", I mean the state of death. Will I die the death of the wicked (Psalm 55:15), or the death of the righteous (Numbers 23:10)? Will I die unforgiven and not a Christian, or will I die a faithful Christian? I cannot choose if I will die or not, but I can choose how (in what state) I will die. I will choose to die the death of the righteous.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.

- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

## The Scripture Cannot Be Broken

Jesus answered them, "Has it not been written in your Law: 'I SAID, YOU ARE GODS'? If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be nullified), are you saying of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'?

- John 10:34-36 -

In John 10, Jesus was making a claim to his own deity and the Jews rejected it (John 10:30-33). So, Jesus made an argument from the Old Testament to validate his claim (John 10:34-36).

Jesus quoted from Psalm 82:6 which describes human judges at that time as "gods" and "sons of the Most High." So, even if Jesus was just a man, as the Jews believed, why cannot he claim to be the "son of God"? If human judges are "sons of the Most High", why cannot Jesus be the "son of God"?

This was a good argument. Since the Hebrew word for "gods" (elohim) means "mighty ones", and is sometimes applied to Old Testament prophets or judges (Exodus 4:16; 7:1; 21:6; 22:28; Psalm 82:1,6), there should be no problem in applying this word to Jesus.

Not one "jot" or "tittle" bet/vet (b/v) "jubilation" • /h yod (y/i) "arm" · /l/ "enclosure" • /x/ "cane" • /v/ mem final lamed (I) mem (m) kaf/chaf (k) pe/fe (p/f) ayin (') samech (s) nun (n) "fish" . /n resh (r) kof (a) pe/fe final Hebrew Alphabet

In making his argument about his deity, Jesus also made another point about the word of God. He said that the scripture "cannot be broken;" that is, it cannot be nullified, dismissed, or set aside (see also Matthew 5:18-19; John 5:18; 7:23).

Jesus was saying that God's word is on

record in the law and the authority of scripture is final. Every statement of scripture stands immutable and indestructible in its truth. God's word is unchanged by the denials, ignorance, criticisms, or charges of mankind.

Jesus' attitude toward scripture needs to be our attitude today (Luke 16:17; 18:31). He made an argument based upon just one word in the Old Testament - "gods" - and that one word cannot be broken.

On another occasion, Jesus said, "not the smallest letter or stroke of a letter shall pass from the Law, until all is accomplished" (Matthew 5:18, NASV). Jesus was talking about the small Hebrew letter "yod" that is formed with just a small stroke of the pen (see the diagram to the left). Jesus believed that just one word in the Old Testament, and even one letter of one word, was important and must be fulfilled. Oh that we had this attitude today toward God's word in the New Testament!

Consider today how many people try to set aside the word of God for their own views. They do this...

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