**Series: By the Book**

1. The Scriptures are a book of books.
2. The Scriptures are both clear and complex.
3. The Scriptures are both human and divine.

***Mark 12:35-36***

*35While Jesus was teaching in the temple courts, he asked, “Why do the teachers of the law say that the Messiah is the son of David? 36David himself, speaking by the Holy Spirit, declared:*

*“‘The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.”*

***2 Peter 1:20-21***

*20Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation of things. 21For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.*

1. The Scriptures are highly valued by Jesus.

***Matthew 28:18***

*Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me*

***Matthew 5:17-20***

*17“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. 19Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.*

***John 5:39-40***

*39You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, 40yet you refuse to come to me to have life.*

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1. The Scriptures welcome robust investigation.