



OPENING QUESTION

What's your favourite book/book series?

LEVEL 1

VIDEO



What is the Bible?

by The Bible Project

Question:

Why do you think the bible has been so influential?

LEVEL 2

BIBLE

Matthew 16:13-20 (NRSVCE) Peter's Declaration about Jesus

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" **14** And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." **15** He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" **16** Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." **17** And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. **18** And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. **19** I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." **20** Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Question:

In this story we hear St Peter acknowledge Jesus as the fulfilment of the old testament prophecies, what impact do you think Jesus has had on the world?

LEVEL 3

CATECHISM

How is the Bible the 'word of God'?

God is the author of Sacred Scripture because he inspired its human authors; he acts in them and by means of them. He thus gives assurance that their writings teach without error his saving truth. The Bible is not meant to convey precise historical information or scientific findings to us. Nevertheless, everything that man must know about God and the way of his salvation is found with infallible certainty in the Sacred Scripture. The Old Testament prepares for the New and the New Testament fulfils the Old; the two shed light on each other; both are true Word of God.

As an old saying put it, the New Testament lies hidden in the Old and the Old Testament is unveiled in the New. (CCC 106-107, 134-141)

Question:

What do you think are the three most important lessons from the Bible?