

Biblical Authority— Embracing Christ's View of Scripture

Use the following discussion questions in your Sunday school class, small group, or family devotions. Read the article Embracing Christ's View of Scripture on page 76 of Answers (Vol. 8 No. 3) before answering the questions.

- 1. In his temptation of Jesus (Matthew 4:1-11), Satan applied Old Testament verses in a literal way. Did Jesus correct Satan's literal interpretation of the meaning of these verses, or did He show how Satan's literal application was wrong? How do you know? __
- 2. What do 2 Timothy 4:1–4 and 2 Peter 1:16–21 tell you about Paul's and Peter's attitudes toward fables or myths? How does this contrast with their view of Scripture? _____
- 3. Some Christian scholars today are denying a literal Adam and a literal Fall. What do these verses tell you about the views of Jesus and the apostles on this subject: Mark 10:6; Luke 3:23, 3:36-38; Romans 5:12?
- 4. Why does it matter whether Adam and his Fall were literal? See 1 Corinthians 15:22 and 15:45.
- 5. Like Jesus (Matthew 24:37–39), Peter viewed Noah's Flood as a global judgment (2 Peter 3:3–7). How could denying that event affect a person's attitude about the coming judgment?
- 6. In light of Matthew 16:1–23, Galatians 2:11–14, and Mark 7:5–13, what should we think or do when respected Christian leaders or theologians contradict what the Bible clearly teaches?*

* In your reflections consider this: http://www.answersingenesis.org/articles/am/v7/n2/evangelical-popes