

Following Jesus



Reading the Bible Like Jesus

What is the Bible?





What did you learn from the
videos about what the Bible IS?



Framing the Problem

How not *What*



Luke 10:25-29



To deal seriously with *what* the
Bible says we have to deal
seriously with *how* we read it



What does it mean for a text to
mean something?





Transmit meaning through
encoded symbols (words)

Decode symbols
(words) to receive
meaning





Bible



You





what the Bible means = what the
Bible meant





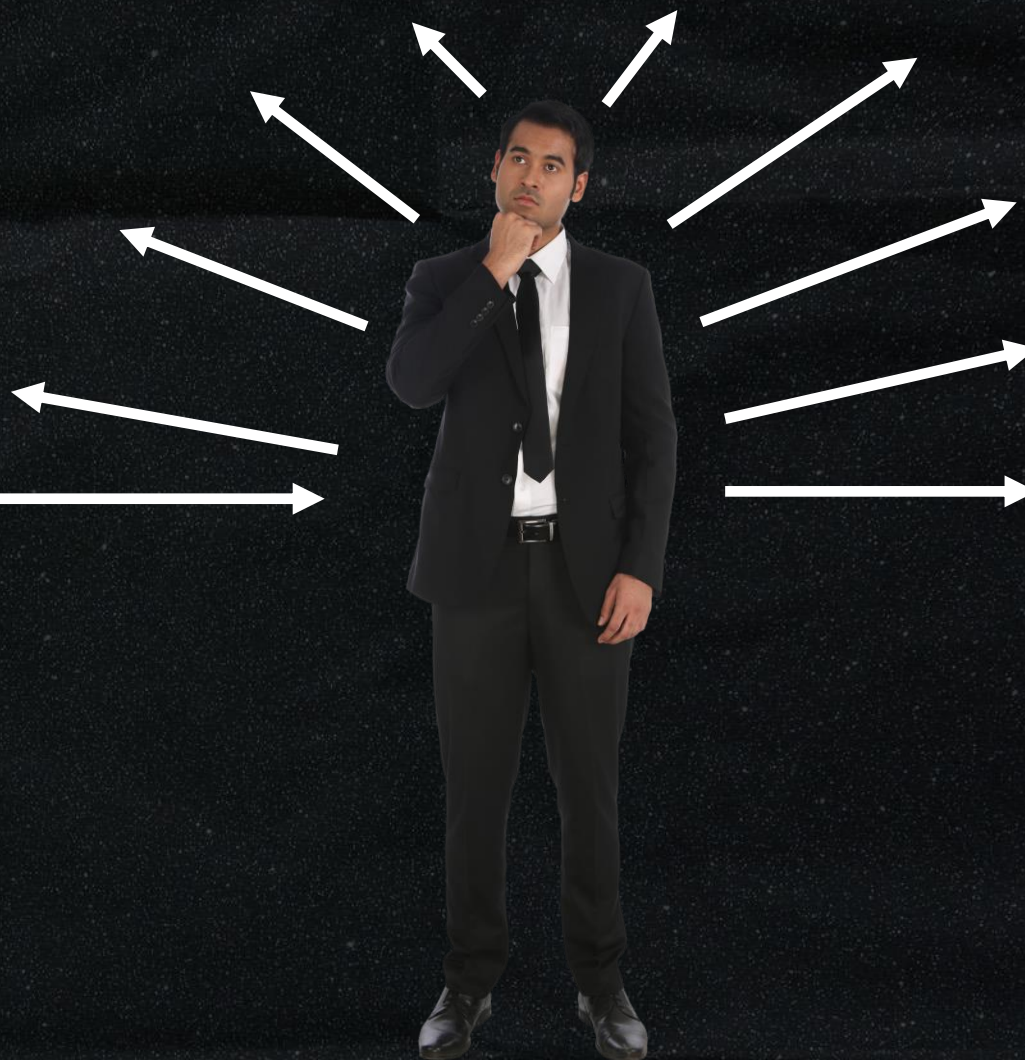
Transmit meaning through
encoded symbols (words)

Meaning multiplies
as it impacts the
receiver





Bible



You





what the Bible means $\neq$ what the
Bible meant



Meaning has both a *past* and
present dimension



Who gets to decide what a text
means?



Author
Reader
Text
Community



Healthy interpretive strategies account
for all the sources of authority in
meaning-making; author, reader, text,
and community



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