

INTRODUCTION

A. THE CANON DEBATE: HOW DID THE WORD BECOME BOOK?

B. THE WORD OF GOD IN *PERSON* & IN *PRINT* (Jn.1:11-14; Lk.24:27,44f; see 1Tm.3:16)

C. *FROM PRINT TO PERSON* (Lk.24:44; Jn.5:47; Gal.3:24; Rom.10:17; 2Tm.3:15; see *WCF,I*; 3-5)

I. RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD IN *PERSON*! (see Lk.19:28f; Mt.21:1f; Mk.11:1f; Jn.12:12f)

A. THE WORD OF GOD *GIVEN* IN HIS PERSON (Lk.24:44; see Mt.5:17f; 1:22,etc.)

1. *the Law: donkey speaks* (Num.22:28f; 2Pt.2:16; see 1Kngs.1:33f; Est.6:8; see Mt.22:5 w/20:30)

2. *the Prophets: king comes riding* (Lk.19:38; Mt.21:4f; see Zech.9:9; Is.62:11)

3. *the Psalms: in the Name of the Lord* (Lk.19:38; Mt.21:9; Ps.118:26,22f; see Mt.26:30)

B. THE WORD OF GOD *RECEIVED* BY HIS PEOPLE

1. *the whole crowd of His disciples* (Lk.19:36f; see 6f; Jn.12:12f,16-18)

2. *received Him according to His word* (Lk.19:38; Jn.12:14f)

C. RECEIVING *HIS* WORD IS RECEIVING *HIM*

1. *receive His word, receive Him* (Lk.19:36f,48; see Mt.10:14)

2. *not receive His word, not receive Him* (Lk.19:39,44,47; see Jn.1:11f; 12:48; 17:8)

II. RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD IN *PRINT*!

A. AS THE WORD, *BY* THE WORD (Jn.1:11f,14f; 17:8)

B. *IN PRINT* ON PALM SUNDAY (Lk.19:38; Mt.21:4f,9; see Zech.9:9; Ps.118:26,22f)

C. *IMITATING* ALL BELIEVERS BEFORE (Ps.106:12/24; Jn.2:22; 4:50; Acts 2:41; 8:14; 11:1; 17:11 /Jn.20:29)

D. BECAUSE *IT IS* THE WORD OF GOD (1Th.1:6; 2:13)

E. *IN DEPENDENCE* UPON HIS HOLY SPIRIT (Lk.24:44f; see 1Cor.2:1f,10f,12f)

F. GRACE TO SPEAK & *HEAR* (Jer.1:9 & Mt.13:16; Lk.24:45; Acts 16:14; Jn.10:16,27)

G. SIGNS FOR GIVING & *RECEIVING* WORD (Ps.74:9; Jn.6:14; Heb.2:4 & 1Cor.12:28)

H. IN THE *WHOLE* KERNEL (Lk.24:44; 16:16; 2Pt.3:16; see Mk.4:3f)

I. AS A *STEWARDSHIP* (Rom.3:2; 9:4; see Dt.10:1; 31:24f; Ps.78:3f; Is.59:21; 2Tm.3:14)

III. ONLY MEANS TO SUPREME END! (Lk24:44; Jn5:47; Gal3:24; Rom10:17; 2Tm3:15f; Jms1:21; Mt.13:3f)