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Walk Thru the Bible

Walk Thru the Bible is an international Christian educational organization that partners with the local church to contribute to spiritual growth worldwide through innovative Bible teaching. Walk Thru the Bible teaches more people the life-changing truths of Scripture than any other Bible seminar organization, hosting millions of participants in its live Bible seminars since 1976. Presenting biblical content in an easy-to-understand and memorable format, Walk Thru the Bible's video curriculum, devotional publications, and seminars equip millions each year to read and study the Bible.

What started as a vision to teach the Bible in a new way, fostering retention and understanding, has expanded into a worldwide movement. In the early 1970s, Bruce Wilkinson developed "Walk Thru the Old Testament" and "Walk Thru the New Testament" seminars as an innovative way to teach an overview or survey of the Bible. By enabling people to actively participate in the learning process through memorable hand signs, the Word of God came alive and lives were changed. The demand for this teaching grew quickly, leading to the formation of the organization that today has thousands of instructors around the world.

Walk Thru the Bible is a not-for-profit organization that is governed by a board of directors and is a member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability. The president and CEO is Chip Ingram, who is also the teaching pastor on the widely distributed daily radio broadcast *Living on the Edge*.

Walk Thru the Bible has five major outreaches: seminars, radio, publications, LifeChange Video, and international. The original Bible survey seminars are still offered, along with many other series, including "Understanding the Love of Your Life," "Kids in the Book," "Solving the People Puzzle," "The Seven Laws of the Learner," and "Teaching with Style."

The printing of the first *Daily Walk* in 1978 launched Walk Thru the Bible's publishing ministry. *Daily Walk* is a monthly publication that helps people understand the Bible while reading it through in one year. *Daily Walk* is one of several devotional magazines published by the organization, including *Closer Walk*, *Family Walk*, *YouthWalk*, *Quiet Walk*, *Tapestry*, and *indeed*.

The vision of Walk Thru the Bible's international program is to train, equip, and sustain one qualified Bible teacher for every population group of fifty

thousand in the world. This bold program has expanded into country after country as Christian leaders of each region are trained for this teaching ministry. As a result, millions of people receive Bible training each year throughout the world.

LifeChange Video distributes innovative Bible instruction from several major teachers including Chip Ingram, Howard Hendricks, Bruce Wilkinson, and Ronald Blue. Titles include *The Seven Laws of the Teacher*, *Effective Parenting in a Defective World*, *Holy Ambition*, *Leader*, *Master Your Money*, *A Biblical Portrait of Marriage*, and *Personal Holiness in Times of Temptation*. Each video series is designed for group use with leader's guides and student workbooks to guide the discussion.

By focusing on the central themes of Scripture and their practical application to life, Walk Thru the Bible enjoys wide acceptance in denominations and fellowships around the world. In addition, it has carefully initiated strategic ministry alliances with many Christian organizations and missions of wide diversity and backgrounds.

From the first seminar to the most recent radio broadcast, the goal of Walk Thru the Bible is always to teach the Word to the world for lasting life change, in this generation, for the glory of God.

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"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom. . . ."

Colossians 3:16



DAILY
READINGS

Ultimate Authority

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."

REVELATION 22:13

IN WORD There is no greater claim to authority than this. Those who would take the words of Jesus as good suggestions, spiritual advice, recommendations for a moral and happy life, or any other such expression of human wisdom must consider this verse—He is the Alpha and Omega. Those who believe that the Bible does not claim that Jesus is God incarnate must also account for this, for in Revelation 1:8 and 21:6 it is God the Father who says He is the Alpha and Omega. There cannot be two Alphas and Omegas, Firsts and Lasts, Beginnings and Ends—the Father and the Son are one.

When this truth grips us, discipleship takes off. There can be no casual reading of the Gospels when we understand that the words of Jesus are the words not only of a great teacher but of God Himself, the Creator of the universe, the author of all wisdom and the knower of all mysteries. There is nothing truer or more complete in this world—no more accurate prophecy, no better psychology, no sager advice—than the teaching that comes straight from the mouth of the living God; in fact, there is no other opinion worth heeding. His words are the owner's manual for our hearts.

IN DEED Ask yourself these probing questions: Do you hear His words casually, as though they are mere suggestions? Or do you voraciously consume His teaching as the key to life, dependent on it for your very existence? Are His words like a fragrant aroma—pleasing, but not entirely necessary? Or are they like oxygen—a matter of life and death? They were true before the foundation of the world and they will be true for all eternity. Savor them well.



JANUARY 1

Revelation 22:13

"If you accept the authority of Jesus in your life, then you accept the authority of His words."

—Colin Urquhart



God in the Flesh

"I and the Father are one."

JOHN 10:30

JANUARY 2 *John 10:22-33*

"No founder of any religion has dared to claim for himself one fraction of the assertions made by Jesus Christ."

—Henry Heydt

IN WORD "Jesus never claimed to be God." So goes a common mantra among those who reject Christian claims. But it is an argument from ignorance of the Scriptures. Jesus often claimed to be God. True, He never said "I am God," but He might as well have. This verse is the clearest statement, though cults will water it down and deny that He was claiming deity. "He was only claiming to be one in person, not in essence," they commonly argue. But Jesus' listeners certainly understood what He meant as they picked up stones to throw at Him. "You, a mere man, claim to be God," they charged (v. 33). Jesus often made extravagant claims, and His enemies always knew the implications.

Every time Jesus forgave sins, every time people worshiped Him without rebuke, every time He said "I am," He was claiming to be God. It is unmistakable, if one knows the context of the Gospels. No one familiar with the Hebrew Scriptures would dare to forgive sin unless He was claiming deity. But Jesus did (Matthew 9:2-3; Mark 2:7; Luke 5:21). No one allows people to fall down and worship him, or to cry out, "My Lord and My God," unless he is making divine claims. But Jesus frequently did (Matthew 14:33; 28:9, 17; Luke 24:52; John 9:38; 20:28). No one would dare use the holy name of God for himself as a casual mistake. But Jesus spelled it out (Exodus 3:14; John 8:58). The attempts to stone Him for blasphemy were frequent. His opponents clearly knew what He was saying.

IN DEED The next time someone tells you Jesus never claimed to be God, ignore him. Better yet, correct him. And the next time you read His words casually, as though they were simply advice from a good teacher, remind yourself of this truth. Jesus is not just a good teacher; He is the eternal God, once clothed in human flesh and now inviting Himself into your day. With reverence, let Him in.