

The image features a background with a repeating chevron or zigzag pattern. The colors are muted and earthy, including shades of dark brown, teal, and olive green, with a textured, slightly grainy appearance. Centered over this pattern is the text "Happy Father's Day!" written in a white, casual, handwritten script. The text is arranged in three lines: "Happy" on the top line, "Father's" on the middle line, and "Day!" on the bottom line. The exclamation mark is prominent and adds a cheerful touch to the message.

Happy  
Father's  
Day!



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Jesus...





...on  
Scripture





There are  
different  
understandings of  
the Bible and  
inspiration. Which  
one is right?



# *State of the Bible 2021: Five Key Findings*

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# U.S. ADULTS' BELIEFS ABOUT THE BIBLE—2021

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## ● U.S. adults

The Bible is the actual word of God and should be taken literally, word for word.

26%

The Bible is the inspired word of God and has no errors, although some verses are meant to be symbolic rather than literal.

29%

The Bible is the inspired word of God but has some factual or historical errors.

15%

The Bible was not inspired by God but tells how the writers of the Bible understood the ways and principles of God.

9%

The Bible is just another book of teachings written by people that contains stories and advice.

13%



# What Did Jesus Believe?





1) Jesus believed the Spirit was guiding the writers of Scripture.





# Matthew 22:43

<sup>43</sup> He said to them, “Then how does David in the Spirit call Him ‘Lord,’ saying,

<sup>44</sup> ‘THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD,  
“SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,  
UNTIL I PUT YOUR ENEMIES BENEATH YOUR  
FEET”’?

*\*All Scriptures from 1995 New American Standard*

# John 14:26

<sup>26</sup> But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.



2) Jesus believed every word is  
true and trustworthy.



# Matthew 5:18

<sup>18</sup> For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished.



# Matthew 12:40-41

<sup>40</sup> for just as JONAH WAS THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS IN THE BELLY OF THE SEA MONSTER, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

# Matthew 12:40-41

<sup>41</sup> The men of Nineveh will stand up with this generation at the judgment, and will condemn it because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.



# John 10:35

<sup>35</sup> If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken),

3) Jesus believed Scripture  
is the highest authority  
for faith and life.





# Matthew 15:1-9

<sup>3</sup> And He answered and said to them, “Why do you yourselves transgress the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition?”

<sup>4</sup> For God said, ‘HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER,’ and, ‘HE WHO SPEAKS EVIL OF FATHER OR MOTHER IS TO BE PUT TO DEATH.’

# Matthew 15:1-9

<sup>5</sup> But you say, ‘Whoever says to *his* father or mother, “Whatever I have that would help you has been given *to God*,”

<sup>6</sup> he is not to honor his father or his mother.’ And *by this* you invalidated the word of God for the sake of your tradition.



# Matthew 15:1-9

<sup>7</sup> You hypocrites, rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you:

<sup>8</sup> ‘THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS,  
BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME.

<sup>9</sup> ‘BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME,  
TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF  
MEN.’”

# Matthew 4:8-10

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory;  
<sup>9</sup> and he said to Him, “All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me.”

# Matthew 4:8-10

<sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Go, Satan! For it is written, ‘YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.’”



4) Jesus believed every command of Scripture should be followed, though we must also keep its teachings in perspective.



# Matthew 5:19

<sup>19</sup> Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others *to do* the same, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches *them*, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

# Matthew 22:36-40

<sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?”

<sup>37</sup> And He said to him, “‘YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’



# Matthew 22:36-40

<sup>38</sup> This is the great and foremost commandment.

<sup>39</sup> The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.'

<sup>40</sup> On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."

# Matthew 23:23

<sup>23</sup> “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others.

# What Did Jesus Believe?





# Final Passage:



Ezra 7:10

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...because the good hand of his  
God *was* upon him.

<sup>10</sup> For Ezra had set his heart to study  
the law of the LORD and to practice *it*,  
and to teach *His* statutes and  
ordinances in Israel.



May we always allow God's  
word to guide us!

# What Must I Do To Be Saved?

Hear

- Learn about Christ (Rom. 10:17)

Believe

- Believe in Christ (John 8:24)

Repent

- Commit to Follow Christ (Acts 2:38)

Confess

- Confess your faith (Romans 10:9-10)

Be Baptized

- Baptism into Christ (Acts 2:38, Rom 6:3-4)



# James 5:16

<sup>16</sup> Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.