

Introduction to Scripture

Required Reading

The following readings are required readings for each lesson. It is recommended that you read the assigned sections of the Bible first. Having read them, you will better be able to understand the discussion about them in the textbooks.

LESSON I

- (1) *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #101 - #108.
- (2) Harrington, Daniel J., *How Do Catholics Read the Bible?*, 2005. Chapters 1 & 2
- (3) "The Use and Abuse of the Bible" from *Scripture from Scratch*, 1999*

LESSON II

- (1) Genesis 1-3, 15, 17
- (2) Exodus 24
- (3) *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #109 - #114.
- (4) Harrington, Daniel J., *How Do Catholics Read the Bible?*, 2005. Chapters 3 & 5
- (5) "Covenant: The Tie That Binds ... and Frees" from *Scripture from Scratch*, 2001.*
- (6) "Creationism: What's a Catholic to Do?" from *Catholic Update*, 2007.*

LESSON III

- (1) The Gospel of Mark
- (2) *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #115 - #130.
- (3) Harrington, Daniel J., *How Do Catholics Read the Bible?*, 2005. Chapters 4 & 6
- (4) "Exploring the Synoptic Gospels: Mark and His Careful Readers" from *Scripture from Scratch*, 2000.*
- (5) "Matthew's Gospel: A Community Effort" from *Scripture from Scratch*, 2000.*
- (6) "Matthew's 5 Sermons to Live By" from *Scripture from Scratch*, 1996.*
- (7) "God's Great Reversal: Key to the Gospel of Luke" from *Catholic Update*, 2009.*

LESSON IV

- (1) John 1:1-14
- (2) Acts 2:14-41
- (3) Philippians
- (4) Philemon
- (5) "The Biblical Journey: From Darkness to Light " from *Scripture from Scratch* *
- (6) "Jesus Christ: Why the Word Became Flesh " from *Catholic Update* *
- (7) "Introducing St. Paul the Apostle: His Life and Mission" from *Catholic Update* *
- (8) "Gnosticism and the Creation of the Canon " from *Scripture from Scratch* *
- (9) "Foundational Beliefs of Christianity " from *Scripture from Scratch* *

LESSON V

- (1) 2 Timothy
- (2) 2 Peter
- (3) *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #131 - #141.
- (4) *Dei Verbum* (From Reading Packet or online at http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/documents/vat-ii_const_19651118_dei-verbum_en.html)
- (5) Harrington, Daniel J., *How Do Catholics Read the Bible?*, 2005. Chapters 7 & 8
- (6) "Very Revealing: The Constitution on Divine Revelation" from *Scripture from Scratch*, 2005.*
- (7) "From Scripture to Doctrine" from *Scripture from Scratch*, 2004.*
- (8) "Interpreting the Bible: The Right and the Responsibility" from *Scripture from Scratch*, 1997.*

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