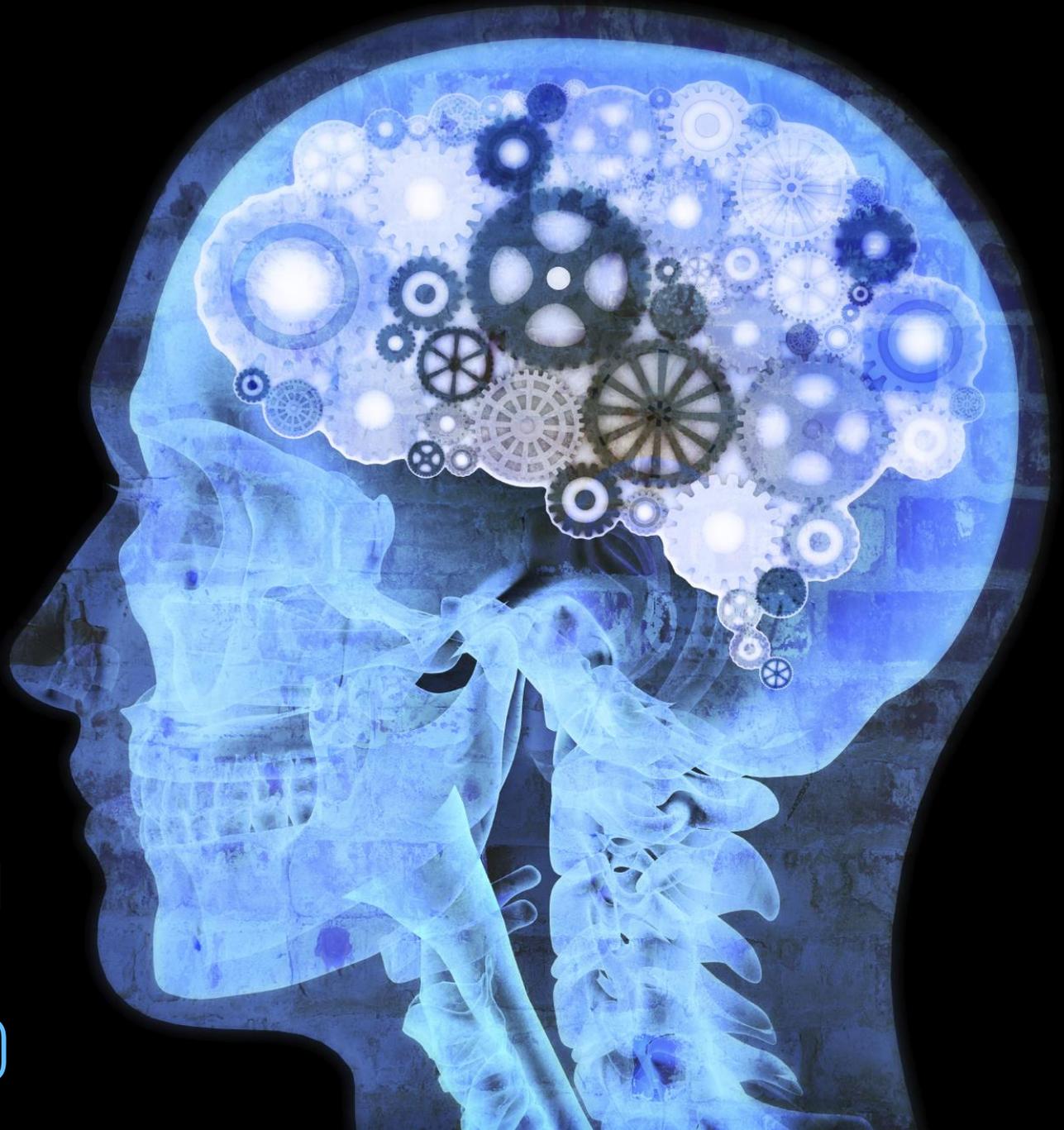


“But he that is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. For who has known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ.”

(1 Cor 2:15-16)



JESUS
the
LAW KEEPER



JESUS WAS INTRODUCED BY THE SCRIPTURES

- Jesus born of a virgin (Matt 1:18) fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy (Isa 7:14)
- Jesus born in Bethlehem (Matt 2:6) to fulfill Micah's prophecy (Mic 5:2)
- Jesus' parents fled to Egypt (Matt 2:15) to fulfill Hosea's prophecy (Hos 11:1)
- Introduced by John the Baptist (Matt 3:1-3) to fulfill Isaiah's prophecy (Isa 40:3)
- Began his ministry in Galilee (Matt 4:13-17) to fulfill Isaiah's prophecy (Isa 4:13-17)



JESUS' CHILDHOOD UNIQUENESS DEFINED BY HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE LAW

So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, both listening to them and asking questions. And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. (Lk 2:45-47)

And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" (Lk 2:49)



JESUS ACCEPTED THE AUTHORITY OF ALL THE LAW

- Jesus' instructions to the healed leper (Matt 8:1-4, see Lev. 14:1f)
- Answer to search for eternal life – “If you would enter into life, keep the commandments” (Matt 19:17)
- Moses' word from Ex 20:12; 21:17 is quoted as God's Word in Matt 15:1-6
- Jesus quotes from the authority of Isaiah in Matt 8:17, 12:17, 13:14, 15:7
- He quotes from Hosea in Matt 9:13 and 12:7
- He references Jonah as proof of the future resurrection of Jesus (Matt 12:38-40)
- He quotes from Daniel in Matt 24:15-16
- He references Zechariah in Matt 26:31
- He stands by all the teachings of all the prophets in Matt 26:56
- Matthew records four times that Jesus quoted from the Psalms (Matt 13:35, 21:16, 21:42, and 22:44)
...particularly in Matt 21:42,
He calls the Psalms 'Scripture'.



**JESUS BELIEVED THE LAW TO BE HIS GREATEST
DEFENSE AND WEAPON AGAINST HIS MOST
DANGEROUS ENEMY**

**“It is
written”**



JESUS' TRUST IN THE DETAIL AND HISTORICITY OF THE SCRIPTURE

- In the sermon on the Mount, Jesus stated that He didn't come to destroy the law or the prophets, but to fulfill them (Matt 5:17)
- “Not one jot or tittle shall pass away from the Law” (Matt 5:18)
- Jesus stated the depth of the Scriptures meaning, but didn't contradict it
 - Thou shalt not kill – not even harbor anger
 - Thou shalt not commit adultery – not even lust in your heart
 - You shall not swear falsely – every word should be true
- Noah and the Flood discussed as historical fact and the basis of His warning about the fall of Jerusalem (Matt 24:37-38)
- Jonah's burial in the fish is given as a real historical event (Matt 16:4)



JESUS USED SCRIPTURE AS THE ULTIMATE JUDGE FOR ALL MANKIND'S DECISIONS AND BEHAVIOR

- Jesus quotes from Isaiah and Jeremiah as authority for His judgment against those warping God's worship (Matt 21:13)
- When questioned regarding what traditions to follow, Jesus chose Scripture as guide (Matt 15:1-6)
- Jesus' answer to the divorce question, "Have you not read" (Matt 19:4)
- "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you tithe mint and anise and cumin, and have left undone the weightier matters of the law, justice, and mercy, and faith: **but these you ought to have done, and not to have left the other undone.**" (Matthew 23:23)

