

The Bible Reveals God's Saving Love

Keep these ideas in mind as you study *Chapter 1*.

❖ The key to reading the Bible is understanding that something can be truthful without being factual. The Bible teaches us the truth about God.

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❖ The Old Testament tells of God's special relationship with the Chosen People. Their journey shows us how much God loves his people. Their journey is similar to our own journey to God's kingdom.

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❖ God reveals himself through creation, Scripture, and Jesus. Creation reveals God's greatness. Scripture tells about the Hebrews and reveals God's plan to save his people. Jesus fulfilled God's plan.

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❖ Scripture tells us about God's plan to save all people by sending Jesus to live among us. It teaches us about the Chosen People, Jesus, and God's revelation. It also teaches us how to love God's people and how to respond to his love.

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❖ God planned to send his Son, Jesus, to save his people. Through his Death and Resurrection, Jesus fulfilled God's plan. Jesus is the perfect revelation of God.

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❖ Jesus gave the apostles a "sacred deposit," which was God's Word. Today the Church is entrusted with the sacred deposit—the Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition.

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❖ God is the author of the Sacred Scripture. God gives us the help of the bishops and the guidance of the Holy Spirit to help us understand what he is saying in the Sacred Scripture.

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❖ Throughout the Old Testament, people predicted the coming of the Messiah, or king. In addition to the passages listed in your book, the Messiah is predicted in Genesis 12:1–3, Jeremiah 31:5, Isaiah 40:3–5, Isaiah 11:2, and Psalm 16:10. Micah chapters 4–5 predict that a new king would come from the line of David. Jesus was born to the family of King David.

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