

Introduction

The Bible is a **BIG** book. In fact, it's a library of **66** different books broken into two major sections: the **Old Testament** (**39** books) and the **New Testament** (**27** books).

But when I pick up my Bible and read it, *what* am I reading? Is this a completely



random collection of 66 unconnected books? Is there a common thread that connects them all? There are *lots* of stories in the Bible, but is there one **BIG** story that all the other stories are pointing to? That's what our Sundays in 2022 are going

to be all about. We're going on a journey through the Old Testament, ***Searching For The King***.

Listen to what Jesus said in **John 5**:

"You search the **Scriptures** because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about **me**..." (5:39)

"For if you believed **Moses**, you would believe me; for he wrote of **me**." (5:46)

In **Luke 24**, after his resurrection from the dead...

He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the **Prophets**, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning **himself**. (24:25-27)

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the **Law** of Moses and the Prophets and the **Psalms** must be fulfilled." (24:44)

Your Bible is one **BIG** story revolving around Jesus. Let's get to know that story better together in 2022.



For Class & Family Discussion:

- When Jesus referred to "**the Scriptures**" in **John 5:39**, what was he talking about?
- Notice the important dots the apostle Paul connected about "**the Scriptures**." What do we need to understand from:
 - **Romans 1:1-6**?
 - **Romans 15:4**?
- What did Jesus mean when he claimed to be the "**fulfillment**" of the Scriptures?
- People like Moses, David, and Isaiah lived centuries before Jesus. So how could they have possibly written *about* him? **2 Peter 1:19-21** might be helpful here...
- In the New Testament we read phrases like "**the fullness of time**" (**Gal 4:4-5**) or "**these last days**" (**Heb 1:1-2**). What are these communicating?
- Why is it important for us to realize that the Bible isn't just a big book of rules?

Want to read ahead for next Sunday? **Genesis 1** and **2** will give you a great head start!