



## IS THE BIBLE TRUE? HOW SHOULD I USE IT?



**#14: IS SACRED SCRIPTURE TRUE?** The books of Scripture firmly, faithfully, and without error teach the truth. . . . Written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, they have God as their author" The BIBLE did not fall from heaven in its final form, nor did God dictate it to human scribes who copied it down mechanically. Rather "God chose certain men who . . . made full use of their own faculties and powers so that, though he acted in them and by them.

**#15: HOW CAN SACRED SCRIPTURE BE "TRUTH" IF NOT EVERYTHING IN IT IS RIGHT?**

The Bible is not meant to convey precise historical information or scientific findings for us. Moreover, the authors were children of their time. They shared the cultural ideas of the world around them and often were also dominated by its errors. Nevertheless, everything that man must know about God and the way of his salvation is found with infallible certainty in Sacred Scripture.

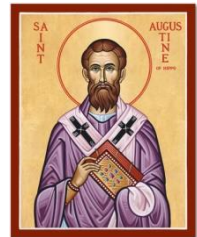
**#16: WHAT IS THE RIGHT WAY TO READ THE BIBLE?**

The right way to read Sacred Scripture is to read it prayerfully, in other words, with the help of the Holy Spirit, under whose influence it came into being. It is God's Word.

## SAINTS & INSPIRATIONAL STORIES

### ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

In Augustine's youth he got involved in a pagan sect and did a lot of immoral things. Eventually throughout the years, and probably due to the constant prayers of his mother St. Monica, he converted to the Catholic faith. St. Augustine sold all his property, became a priest and later a bishop, and he wrote and preached ceaselessly and powerfully for the conversion of the people. He died in the north of Africa, just before miraculously curing a man.



### GOSPEL



### ANSWERS

PETER SAID TO THEM, "I AM GOING FISHING." SO THEY WENT OUT AND GOT INTO THE BOAT, BUT THAT NIGHT THEY CAUGHT NOTHING. WHEN IT WAS ALREADY DAWN, JESUS WAS STANDING ON THE SHORE; BUT THE DISCIPLES DID NOT REALIZE THAT IT WAS JESUS. JESUS SAID TO THEM, "CHILDREN, HAVE YOU CAUGHT ANYTHING TO EAT?" THEY ANSWERED, "NO." SO HE SAID, "CAST THE NET OVER THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE BOAT AND YOU WILL FIND SOMETHING." SO THEY CAST IT, AND WERE NOT ABLE TO PULL IT IN BECAUSE OF THE NUMBER OF FISH." - JOHN 21: 1-14

## ANSWER IN YOUR OWN WORDS: