

Class Notes 11/01/15

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A. Inerrancy

a. Start with Example

i. Mark 4:30-32

30 Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? 31 It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. 32 Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade."

From <<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+4&version=NIV>>

ii. Mustard seed: 1/20 inch, Petunia 1/50 inch, orchid some 1/300 inch, can't see with naked eye.

iii. Real problem if Bible is inspired by God. Can't fix this issue.

b. Background

i. This discussion came about from the reformation

ii. Sola scriptura - By the scriptures alone

iii. Modern scientific advances

iv. Some protestant denominations started to deny fully inerrancy and full authority

v. Came to a head with evangelicals with the Chicago statement on Biblical inerrancy

c. What is it?

i. Video

ii. Pause. Delineate between inerrant and infallible.

d. Common Definition

i. Bible is truthful in all that it affirms or teaches.

ii. What it's not

1) Everything in the Bible is true.

a) False statements by Job's friends

b) False statements by the serpent in Genesis

c) Figurative language in Revelation

e. Byproduct of inspiration

i. By necessity, if God is truth and God inspired the Bible then the Bible must be true

f. CSBI

i. Go over points

g. Back to problem

i. New tools to work with

ii. Zoom out, it's a parable

1) Talking to locals, probably farmers

2) Not talking about botany

3) Tried to explain a bigger idea

4) Hyperbole, figure of speech. Weighed a ton

5) Example LA how a car moves vs Stacey

h. Different Views

i. Al Mohler (Conservative)

ii. Peter Enns (Liberal)

iii. Michael Bird (International)

i. More resources

B. Close

- a. **1 Cor. 15:58** - Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.