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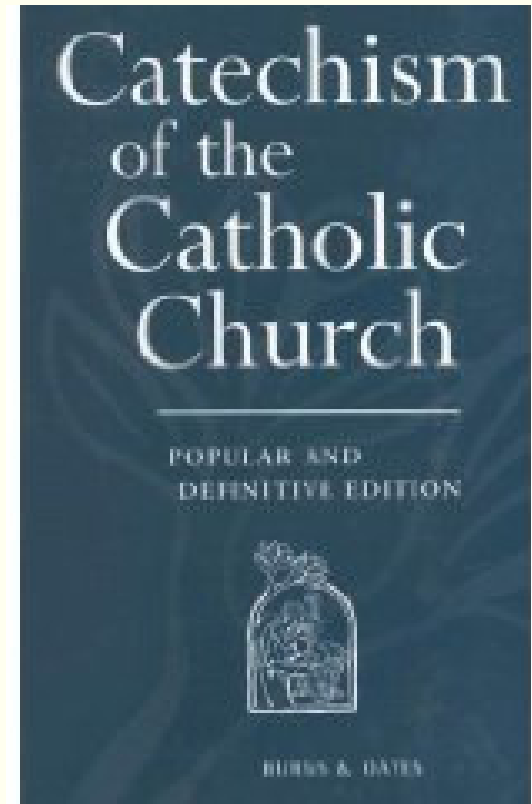
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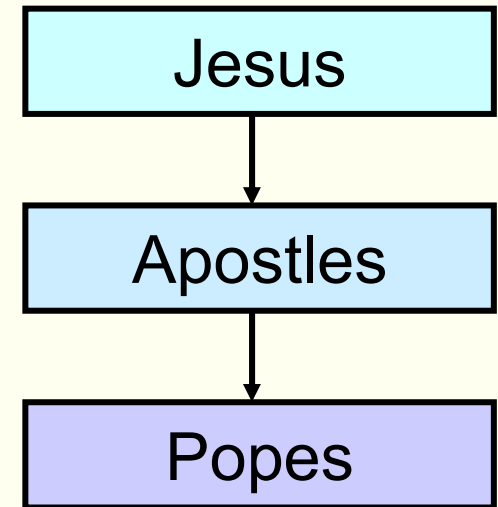
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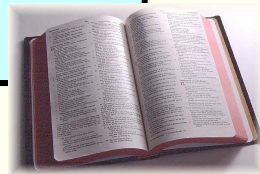


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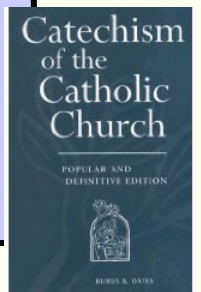
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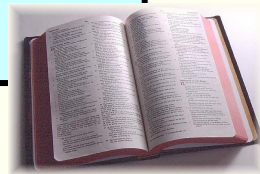


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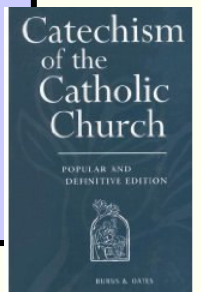
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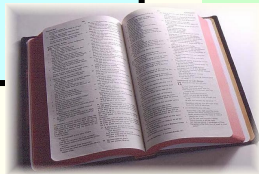


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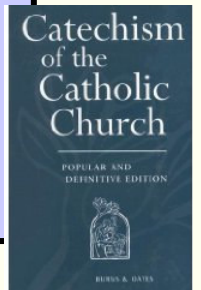
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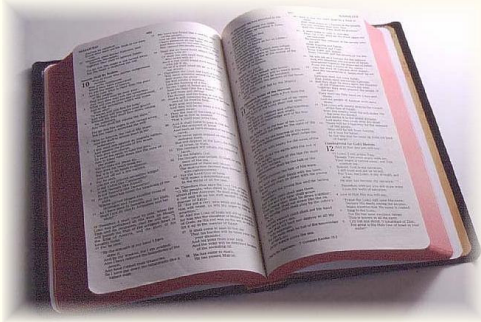
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Mindful of Christ's words to his apostles: “He who hears you, hears me”, the faithful **receive with docility** the teachings and directives...





Jesus

Scripture

Apostles

The Holy Bible

Popes

Tradition:
Church interpretation



People



St Peter's Chair



Teaching *ex cathedra*, Pope Pius XII solemnly declares the dogma of the Assumption of Mary Most Holy, November 1, 1950.



Does this
claim fit the
teachings of
the Bible?

Evangelical claims



Source: The Holy Spirit in Your Teaching, Roy B. Zuck (Wheaton: Victor Books 1984)

Evangelical claims

The **Holy Spirit**, as the (helper) is available to help believers ascertain the **correct meaning** of the Bible's statements, commands, and questions.

Evangelical claims

In **inspiration** the Holy Spirit superintended the authors in order to override any human error.

In **interpretation** the Holy Spirit guides but He does not guard against infallibility.

To elevate one's interpretations to the level of infallibility would blur the distinctions between **inspiration... and interpretation.**

Also it would ascribe to Protestants a level of infallibility for human leaders which evangelicals **reject in Roman Catholicism.**

Evangelical claims

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John 16:13

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will **guide** you into all **truth**:

Evangelical claims

Students of the Bible, even though they are devout and are **Spirit-taught**, must admit that the **correct interpretation** of at least some passages simply cannot be fully ascertained this side of heaven.

John 14:26

But the Comforter... he shall **teach you all things**, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Spirit-guidance for The Apostles

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Spirit-guidance for today?

Don't understand
all Scripture

Will occasionally
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wrong



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How was the
Holy Spirit
passed on?

Acts 8

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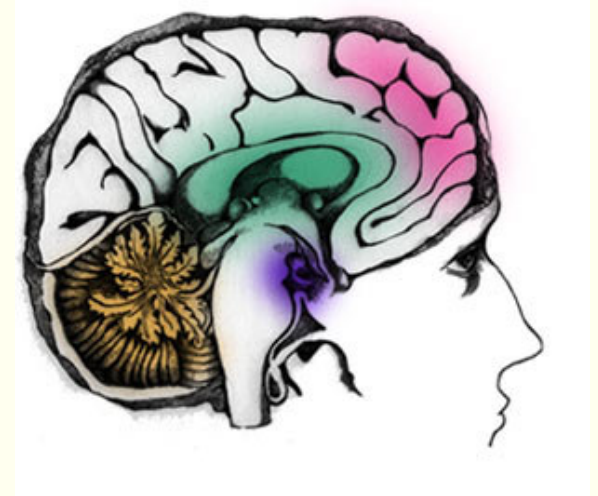
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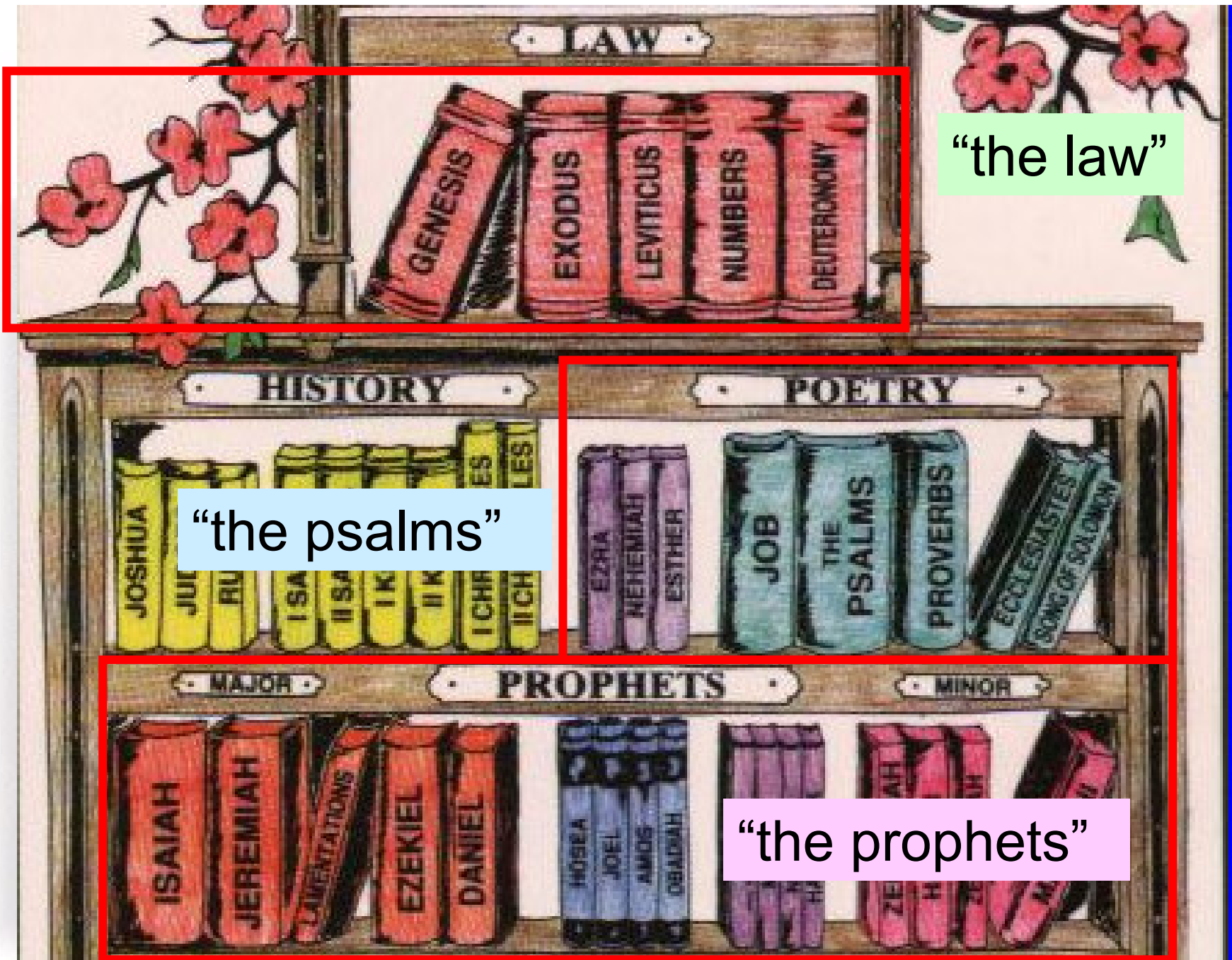
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And he said unto them, These *are* the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the **law of Moses**, and in the **prophets**, and in the **psalms**, concerning me.



LAW

“the law”

HISTORY

POETRY

“the psalms”

MAJOR

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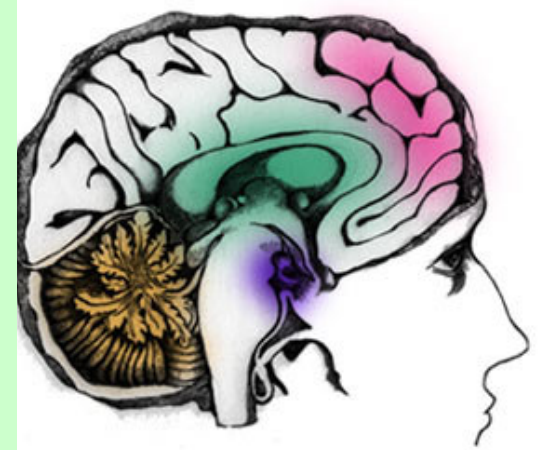
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How did the Apostles understand?

- Jesus opened their minds to understand, ie comprehend, put together, the Scriptures
- He explained how his death and resurrection fulfilled Old Testament prophecy



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No, they heard
Jesus' words and
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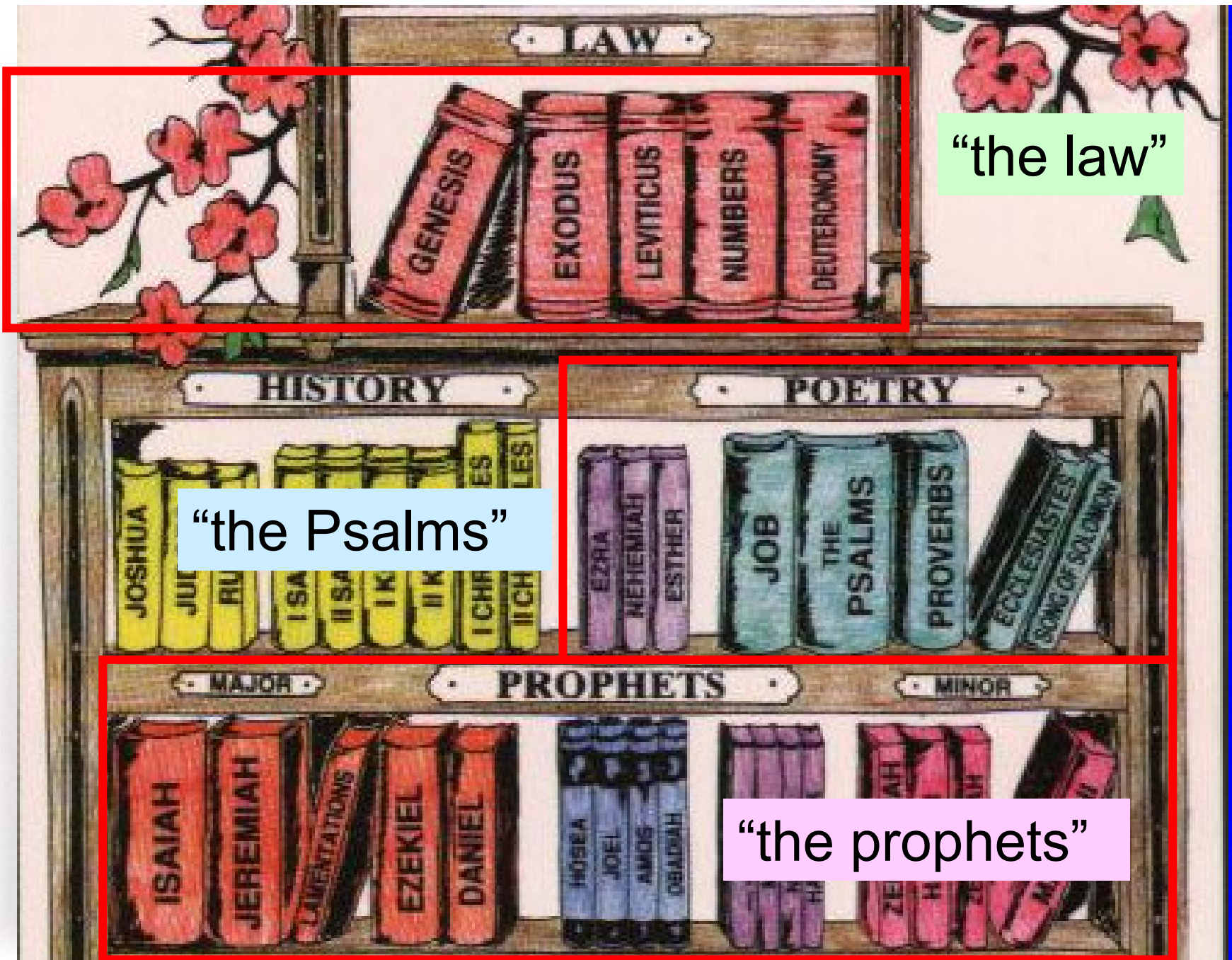
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How did the Apostles preach?

Just like their Master – by piecing the Scriptures together

This is how to understand the Bible...



...read it carefully, from beginning to end, allowing it to interpret itself

Acts 17:11

...they received the word with all readiness of mind, and **searched the scriptures daily**, whether those things were so...



Acts 17:11,12

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“Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God”

Romans 10:17

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Alacrity:
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1 Thess 2:13

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The Power of God

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the **power of God** unto salvation.”

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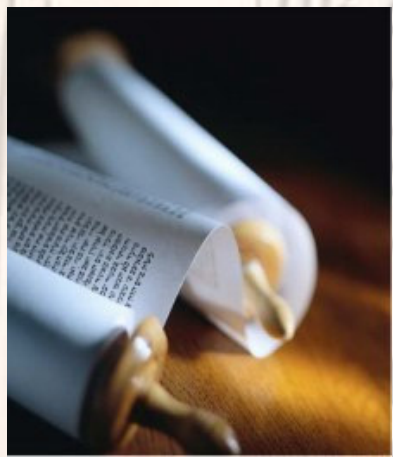
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whom thou
fauourest.

¶ Or, all

Reioyce the soule of thy seruant :
vnto thee (O LORD) doe I lift vp
my soule.

* For thou LORD art good, and ready
to forgine : and plenteous in mercie
vnto all them that call vpon thee.



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of the proud, hee craueth some token of Gods
goodnesse.

¶ A prayer of Dauid.



Bow downe thine
eare, **O LORD**, heare
me: for I am poore and
needy.

2 I deserue my soule,

for I am thine: **O thou**
my God, take my re-
vengance: for my soule
hath not beene
founde in thee.

3 The necessitie hath me, **O LORD**.
for I cry vnto thee || dayly.

4 Reioyce the soule of thy seruant:
for vnto thee (**O LORD**) doe I lift vp
my soule.

5 *For thou **LORD** art good, and rea-
dy to forgine: and plenteous in mercy
vnto all them that call vpon thee.

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Psalme of
Dauid.

|| Or, one
whom thou
favourrest.

|| Or, all the
day.

*Iocel 2.13.

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