

Plymouth Diocese: Synodality Series
Talk 2. Interpreting the Word of God for our time



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Word of God is Scripture – it is always ‘for our time’. CCC 102 -104

First, understand the bible as the ‘word of God’. If we can acknowledge this then to follow God is to follow Scripture – which is not to be disbelieved.

Jesus himself taught the Church how to interpret Scripture in truth

Road to Emmaus Lk 24:13-27 - Spiritual meanings as well as literal meaning,

Senses of Scripture CCC 115-117

Spiritual meaning links to **Christ** and therefore to his redemption.

Example 1: healing Peter’s mother in law.

Example 2: God’s curse of the ground because of Adam – thorns and thistles

Three criteria: follow CCC

Unity of Scripture – coherence of Scripture in Christ

Living Tradition – discerned in time, for all time. An abundance of meaning that ‘the Church carries in her Tradition’ as ‘the living memorial of God’s Word’ - beyond the historical moment.

Analogy of Faith – coherence of truths within the whole plan of Revelation.