

(3) Further New Testament evidence

(a) The Lord's expressions

John 5:45-47...For had ye believed Moses, you would have believed me; for he wrote of me. But if ye believed not his writings, how shall ye believe my word?

Luke 24:44...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..., etc.

Luke 6:29-31...They have Moses and the prophets...If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

Modern liberals commonly treat Jesus as a "man of his time" and state that he was simply talking this way because he believed what the rabbis believed and none of them knew better. Some also say that Christ, being God, knew better, but simply accommodated the literalists of his time so as to not offend them unnecessarily. The problem with both expressions is that they somehow leave us with a Christ designated with problems of personal integrity. For He does not simply agree with what someone asserts, he positively states again and again the reality of the Mosaic work. If he were accommodating his speech to the ideas of the day he was certainly not doing much to help in an eternal sense what was true..by continuing to foster their poor ideas. If he did not know any better than the limited mentalities about him, it makes one wonder about his real being and nature.

Conservative scholars have some problems but this is not one of them. We believe that Jesus knew who wrote the Pentateuch and that he was pleased to tell us the true author over and over again.

(b) Other New Testament citations

The following are part of the whole and we note the critical portions alluded to as well.