

## 10 Things to Understand Before Reading the Bible

1. The Bible is not about me
2. The Bible was not written to me
3. The Bible was written by different writers from different times with different agendas
4. The Bible is “from another world” (importance of culture and “Eastern” world)
5. The Bible is made up of three worlds ([Article on](#) the world of the text)
  - World behind the text - e.g. Paul writes to Corinthians about eating meat
  - World of the text - e.g. John writes about Word at Creation “becoming flesh”
  - World of the reader (in front of the text) - e.g. Passover in Exodus 12 & 13
6. The Bible is a collected “anthology” (collection of writings) all relating to the ONE BIG STORY: This gift of the Spirit God has given and preserved for the Church
7. The Bible is not a “how” or “why” book. It is a “who” book
8. The Bible is Christo-Centric (Jesus of Nazareth is the Star of the Solar System)
9. The Bible is both informational and transformational (you read it, it reads you)
10. The Bible MUST be read more than once.