

Two Minute Teachings” on the Bible

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This will be my last “Two Minute Teaching” on the Bible.

How to interpret the Bible?

Unlike fundamentalists, the Catholic Church does not literally interpret the bible. The bible is not, in our sense of the term, a science book or a history book or a geography book. The bible is a religion book, so look for the religious message.

Some bible passages can be different to understand. It is always helpful to read the introduction to the book and the footnotes. All bibles are good but some of the newer bibles have better translations. If you are going to buy a new bible, I would suggest the New American Bible because it’s a good translation with good introductions and footnotes. It’s also the translation we use at Mass.

This coming Lent I am going to give five classes on the bible... so stay tuned for the “rest of the story.”