

Being Humbled by the Texts of Sacred Scripture

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I. Introduction

Comparisons

Dissection

Rejection

II. The Human Side

A. Language

1. Small Scale

Mark 4:19

The around the rest desires **coming in** (choke the word)

αἱ περὶ τὰ λοιπὰ ἐπιθυμίαι **εἰσπορευόμεναι** (συμπνύγουσιν τὸν λόγον)

Mark 16:2

2. Larger Scale

Luke 1:1-4/5-9

Acts 17

Psalm 7 (see ESV translation, accompanying)

B. Concepts: “In Christ”/ἐν Χριστῷ in Paul

New Reality

Results

Divine Gifts

New Personal Reality

New Identity

New Personal Characteristics

Christian Life

Divine Action

Human Action

Alternative Views in Paul

III. The Divine Side

Characteristics of Our Lord

Mind

Authority

Divine Presence and Proleptic Eschatology

Humility *in* the Texts of Sacred Scripture

OT Example

(Non) Intrusion of Divine/Super-human Forces

Homer's *Odyssey*

OT: Genesis 27

(Non) Intrusion of the Narrator

Homer's *Odyssey*

OT: Genesis 27

Effect: Engagement with Text

Result: Appreciate God's Ordinary Works

NT Example: Gospel according to Mark

IV. Conclusion

Driven to Rely on God's Promises