

THE OT CANON

Considering the Structure of Jesus's Bible

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- ❖ Luke 24:44. These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.

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Significance for Biblical Theology

- ◆ **Our goal should be to read Jesus's Bible like Jesus and the apostles did.**
 - ❖ In Jesus's Bible, the story frames the whole and provides the frame for reading everything else.
 - ❖ There is more than just narrative; commentary informs the whole.
- ◆ **We must always prioritize the Law and the Gospels.**
- ◆ **We must be sure to read the story in order.**
- ◆ **We must always view the NT as the climax of the old.**
- ◆ **We need to recognize that any arrangement impacts our interpretation.**