

## The Sum of Thy Word Is Truth

(Psalm 119:160)

- Introduction:
1. I am a “Bible marker.” I like to underline and highlight passages in my Bible.
  2. However, there is apparently an art to “Bible marking” and emphasizing some passages.
  3. Not all Bible markings are equal.
  4. Ills. Of the Jefferson Bible.
    - a. “The Life and Morals of Jesus of Nazareth”
    - b. Clipped up six Bibles, removing what he didn’t like.
  5. However, before we gasp at such treatment of the Bible, people are still marking up their Bibles in a similar way.
  6. In this lesson, I want you to see what some religious people today are doing, whether they realize it or not.

### I. Matthew 7:1

- A. All some know about the Bible is that we are told not to judge.
- B. But don’t miss the context.
- C. This very passage permits judging (Matthew 7:5).

### II. Mark 16:16

- A. I don’t think there are many people who would mark out these words, but their doctrine teaches they can be ignored.
- B. Don’t exclude what Jesus so plainly included.
- C. Don’t play games with the Bible.

### III. Romans 8:1

- A. Don’t overlook the conditional statement.
- B. Many tell us there are no conditions – Once saved, always saved.
- C. But to believe that doctrine, one would have to mark out the words of the inspired apostle, Paul.

### IV. Ephesians 1:4

- A. God has indeed predetermined who would be lost and who would be saved, but not in a way that it removes human volition.
- B. God predestined those who are “in Christ” to be saved, and that is our choice.

- Conclusion:
1. What if we marked our Bibles the way we read and believe our Bibles?
  2. Bible marking is great if you highlight and emphasize, but not if you blot out and reject.
  3. Here’s a passage worth highlighting – 2 Peter 3:9.