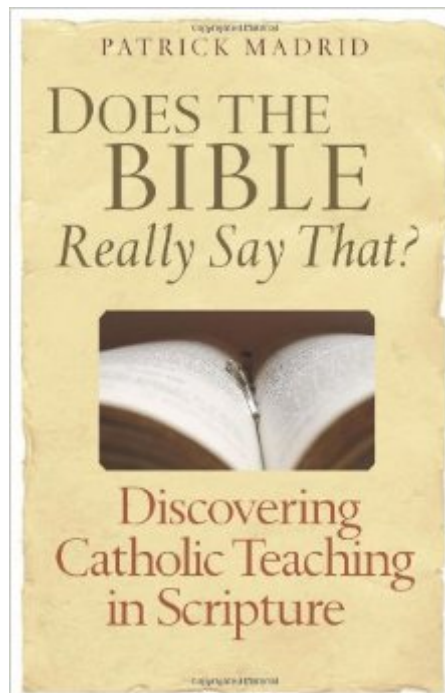


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Does The Bible Really Say That?: Discovering Catholic Teaching In Scripture



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Not only will reading Scripture daily enrich and nourish your soul but it will also provide you with solid answers to many of life's most urgent questions. From the Introduction If you are less than familiar with the Bible, you might be surprised at what you'll find there. Is drinking alcohol a sin? Do Christians have an absolute assurance of salvation? Is the rosary really a biblical prayer? And what's up with the Rapture? Patrick Madrid leads the reader on an investigation of what Scripture has to say about these and many other topics, revealing, in the process, the biblical roots of much Catholic teaching. *Does the Bible Really Say That?* is a lively and practical guide that provides answers to issues faced by Catholics everywhere.

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Catholic apologetics has experienced a major resurgence in the last decade after a steep decline during a period of confusion that came in the wake of the Second Vatican Council. It is not hard to understand why - a reaction against the tepid Catholicism of the American Church, a greater understanding of what exactly the Council intended (as opposed to the ambiguous "spirit of Vatican II" used by revisionists to justify their innovations), and, most importantly, the pontificate of Pope John Paul II when many areas of Catholic life and practice were revitalized. Any church excited about its faith is going to share it with others and defend it against detractors. Hence, the number of clergy and lay Catholics engaging in both evangelism and apologetics has experienced a great upsurge. One of the more prominent writers in this vein is Patrick Madrid who as an author and as editor of the popular *Surprised by Truth* series of books is frequently cited by new converts to

Catholicism among the influences in "bringing them home" to the Catholic Church. Madrid's latest book, *Does the Bible Really Say That?*, defends the compatibility of the Catholic faith with the teachings of Holy Scripture. It is commonplace among Evangelical believers to hold that Catholicism is an "unbiblical" religion that raises the "traditions of men" above God's word. Madrid here points out the Scriptural foundations for many Catholic distinctives and how the misconception of Catholicism as ascriptural is based upon differences in how Scripture is interpreted by Catholics and Evangelicals. The book handles each topic often raised by critics of the Catholic Church in easily understood articles that may be read independently without too much loss of continuity. A strength of the book is that it does not merely raise banners along the Catholic/Protestant divide but also covers issues where Protestants have historically sided with Catholicism against the contemporary Evangelical position. Also tackled are areas where Protestants and Catholics agree against groups such as the Mormons and the various outgrowths of the Millerite movement. As a defense for Catholics troubled by the queries of Protestant acquaintances or those considering the claims of the Catholic Church, *Does the Bible Really Say That?* is a well written defense of Catholic belief and practice from Holy Scripture. Those who disagree with the Catholic interpretation of the passages will undoubtedly have a different spin on the passages cited, but at least it puts to rest the canard that Catholics do not care about the Bible.

Patrick Madrid is one of the best Catholic apologists in the country. This book is an excellent handbook for Catholics who are put on the defensive by co-workers, relatives and friends who believe many Catholic doctrines have no support in the Bible. Beyond the usual issues such as Purgatory and confession to a priest, other topics such as the divinity of Christ and the Blessed Trinity are also treated (helpful in conversations with Jehovah Witnesses). This book should give Catholics confidence that the Bible is a CATHOLIC book, and it should also help open-minded Christians appreciate the Biblical basis for many Catholic/Christian doctrinal and moral teachings.

In his new book Madrid, a popular author and EWTN regular, examines 46 specific questions about Catholic practice and belief often raised by Protestants. He provides answers with supporting quotations from the bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The questions address Church practices, as confessing to a priest, praying the rosary, and baptizing infants, as well as public issues, as whether it is sinful to vote for pro-abortion candidates. ("...Those who intentionally promote and perpetuate the crime of abortion through their political actions or their voting are complicit in the sin of murder.") In some cases, such as the discussion of "The Rapture" (Protestant

description of God's coming in secret before the end of the world to take the saved to heaven), Madrid lists the major biblical passages Protestants use to validate the Rapture claim, then explains the Catholic interpretation. Beyond these particular issues, Madrid strongly advocates reading Scripture daily to enrich and nourish your soul and "dramatically deepen your love for and knowledge of Jesus Christ."

Catholic Apologist Patrick Madrid continues educating lay Catholics with concise clear books; this time answering the question, "Does the Bible Really Say That?" addressing 46 different topics as they relate to Catholics. Citing scripture and the catechism, the author lays out a roadmap to help us understand why Catholics believe as we do. Some of the topics explained are hot button issues for many Protestants: drinking alcohol, confession, catholic prayers, the crucifix and infant baptism. Other topics address more universal Christian themes: humility, gluttony, good Samaritan, lust and loving one another. This book reveals the foundation of our Catholic faith through the Scriptures and encourages you to delve deeper and read more of the Bible to enhance your familiarity with the beauty of God's truth. Patrick Madrid masterfully provides the tools needed for Catholics to grow and nurture their faith. Once again, he has written a book that will assist Catholic and non-Catholics in understanding the faith with specific scripture notations to encourage continued learning. *Does the Bible Really Say That?: Discovering Catholic Teaching in Scripture*

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