

Quick Catechism	Quick Scripture
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCC 105 - "... [The bible] <i>whole and entire, with all their parts...</i> [was] written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, they have God as their author and have been handed on as such to the Church herself. (emphasis added) • CCC 106 - God inspired the human authors of the sacred books . . . it was as true authors that they consigned to writing <i>whatever he wanted written, and no more.</i> (emphasis added) • CCC 107 - The inspired books teach the truth. Since therefore all that the inspired authors or sacred writers affirm should be regarded as affirmed by the Holy Spirit... the books of Scripture firmly, faithfully, and without error teach that truth which of God, for the sake of our salvation, wished to see confided to the Sacred Scriptures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness" - 2 Tim 3:16 • "Know this first of all, that there is no prophecy of scripture that is a matter of personal interpretation.." -2 Peter 1:20 • "...there are some things hard to understand that the ignorant and unstable distort to their own destruction..." -2 Peter 3:16

Common Misconceptions
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Biblical interpretations often commit one of two opposing errors: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Interpreting the Bible in a strictly literal sense, often without regard for literary style of that part of the Bible (Fundamentalism) b. Believing the Bible is erroneous and parts of it are no longer important. (Modernism) 2. If God is so loving, why is he described as being jealous or angry, or having other emotions? 3. Jesus said in John 14:25 that he would send the Holy Spirit to us to "remind [us] of everything [He] said, and to teach [us] all things..."
Catholic Response
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To interpret Scripture correctly, the reader must be attentive to what the human authors truly wanted to affirm, and to what God wanted to reveal to us by their words. In order to discover <i>the sacred authors' intention</i>, the reader must take into account the conditions of their time and culture, the literary genres in use at that time, and the modes of feeling, speaking and narrating then current. 2. While God does not change, people do change, so God's actions towards a person may be different because that person has changed 3. Jesus in this verse was speaking directly to his apostles, not a general crowd of people or to the future readers of the gospels.