

# Layers of Understanding

# Different Perspectives

We need to look at the Bible, at scripture, and at Bible lessons from different perspectives; from different angles. We need not skip, scan, or rush over scripture, or take anything for granted. We are in the most danger of missing something when we think we fully know and understand something! If we think we know something; we look no further!

We need to look closer, give a closer look, and then look again! We need to always dig deeper, to dig for the deeper truths, to step into the deeper waters.

We all learn differently: Cognitive (reasoning and facts), Affective (feelings and attitudes), Psychomotor (physical movement), Imaginative (visual), and by Experience (the hard way!), and by Accident.

We need to look at scripture from different points of view. Who was Jesus talking to? Where and Why? What did it mean to them? Who is he talking about? What does it mean to them? To the people listening, what did it mean?

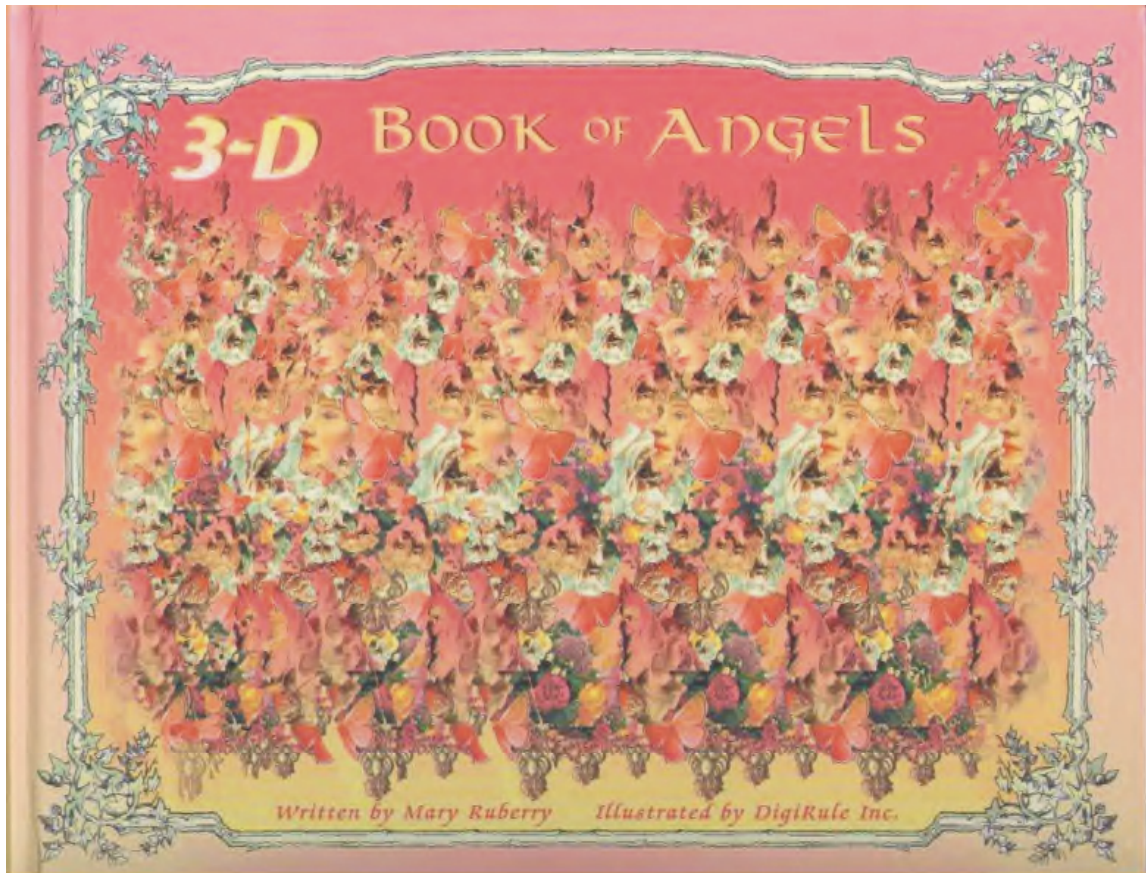
In *Mark 2:13-17* when Jesus was calling Levi (Matthew) to be a disciple the Pharisees asked Jesus “Why do you eat with tax collectors and sinners?” Jesus replied, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor but the sick...” Jesus’ statements meant something different to everyone involved: to Levi, the Pharisees, to the crowd, and to the reader.

In the Parable of the Lost Son *Luke 15:11-31*, we can all identify with all three of the main characters: The Father, the younger prodigal son, and the older brother.

In the story of the Good Samaritan *Luke 10:25-37*, the story meant something again different to everyone involved: the lawyer, the priest, the Levite, the Samaritan, the crowd, and to us!



*Gossip*



This 3-D Book of Angels book cover is kind of like this world, busy and confusing. It is also an example of how you can look at the world one way, but if you look long and hard enough at Jesus Christ everything changes! If you look long and hard at Jesus Christ the picture can become crystal clear with deep dimensions that were never there before; you see everything anew. But after you first really see Jesus clearly for the first time you realize that there is much more to see. When you first see the picture clearly, everything has changed, you are born anew, an imperfect person in Christ, a sinner atoning for your sins.

In Jesus Christ we see with new eyes;  
we hear with new ears.

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Blessed are those  
who have not seen  
and yet have believed.

John 20:29

## Seeing the Big Picture

God sees the big picture.

We don't!

We think we see the big picture. But we only see the small picture; only God sees the big picture. Sometimes we see something and we think we recognize it and we think we know all about it. Little do we realize that we are not even looking at half of the picture.



No eye has seen,  
no ear has heard,  
no mind has conceived  
what God has prepared  
for those  
who love him.

1 Corinthians 2:9

We Never See the Big Picture!  
We Just Think We Do!



Is this the other half of the picture? We think we see the big picture. But we only see the small picture; only God sees the big picture. Sometimes we see something and we think we recognize it and we think we know all about it. Little do we realize that all we see are just the *little footnotes* at the bottom of the page.

Trust in the Lord with  
all your heart  
and lean not on  
your own  
understanding.

Proverbs 3:5

## The Big Picture?

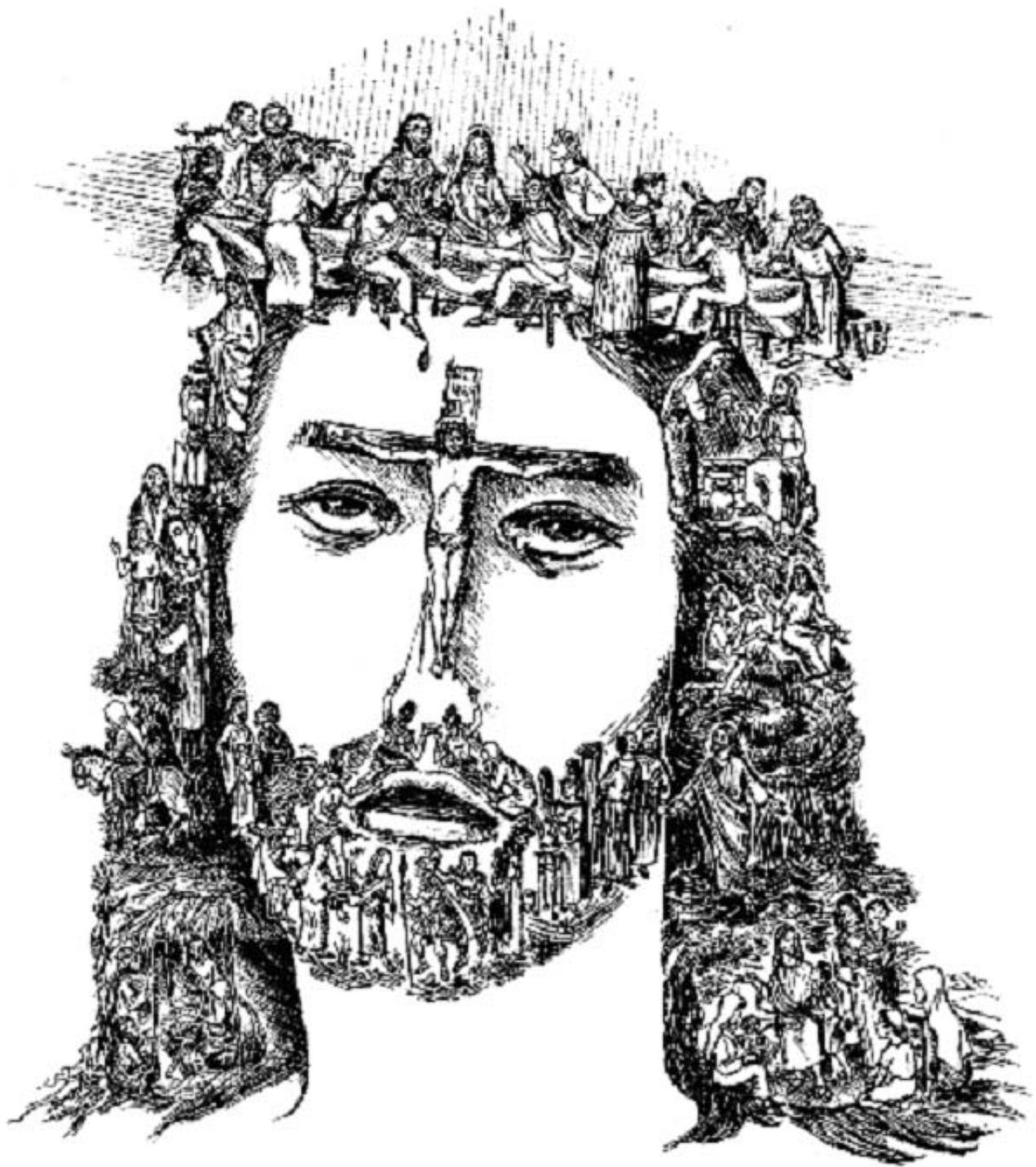


Do you notice the *little footnotes* at the bottom of the picture? Is this the Big Picture? Not really! This is just one of the many pieces of the puzzle of the big picture. This picture depicts the Birth of Christ; this is just one story from The New Testament; and there are also many stories from The Old Testament. You need all of the pieces (Books of the Old and New Testament) of the puzzle (the Bible) to get the whole picture; but we will never completely put this great puzzle together.

We never even begin to see the “Big” picture... it’s all we can do just for us to try to connect the dots.

Love that surpasses all  
understanding....

Ephesians 3:18



## Face of Eternity

“...And there are also many other things which Jesus did,  
the which, if they should be written every one,  
I suppose that even the world itself could not contain  
the books that should be written.”

*John 21:25*

## “FACE OF ETERNITY”

Beginning with the scene at the lower left, which forms Christ’s hair at His right shoulder, the components are as follows:

1. The birth of Jesus. *Luke 2:7-18*
2. The flight to Egypt. *Matthew 2:13-15*
3. The boy Jesus at the Temple. *Luke 2:41-49*
4. Jesus performs His first miracle, turning water into wine. *John 2:1-11*
5. Starting at Christ’s left temple, proceeding downward; at Jacob’s Well, Jesus asks a Samaritan woman for water. *John 4:5-42*
6. Temptation of Jesus in the wilderness. *Luke 4:1-13*
7. Jesus walks on the stormy sea. *Matthew 14:24-33*
8. Jesus blesses the little children. *Mark 10:13-16*
9. Forming the crown of thorns on Christ’s forehead; the Lord’s Supper.  
*Matthew 26:20-30* (In his guilt, Judas spills his glass of wine which trickles down past his foot symbolizing a drop of blood caused by a thorn.)
10. Forming Christ beard from right to left; Judas betrays Jesus with a kiss.  
(Judas clutches the pouch containing the 30 pieces of silver behind him.)  
*Mark 14:43-46*
11. The judgment of Jesus; Pontius Pilate washes his hands to signify he is innocent of the blood of a just person. *Matthew 27:11-26*
12. Forming Christ’s brow and nose; Jesus is crucified. *Mark 15:22-37*  
Angels’ hover near Him on each side of the cross.
13. Beneath the cross, a Roman soldier casts lots for Jesus’ robe. *John 19:24*  
Nearby, Mary is overcome with sorrow.
14. On the other side of the soldier, a man prepares to offer Jesus a drink from a vinegar soaked sponge, which has been secured to a reed. *Mark 15:36*
15. Forming Christ’s mouth; the women who have come to the tomb to anoint Jesus’ body find the tomb empty and are told by an angel of the resurrection. *Matthew 28:1-8*
16. Jesus shows doubting Thomas His pierced hands restoring Thomas’ belief.  
*John 20:26-29*

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