

- 1 Why do we accord reverence to this collection of ancient documents?
(the rôle of the Church in defining the Canon of Scripture)
- 2 What are our problems in reading it?
(imposing our meanings on it: failing to understand the milieu in which it was written: failing to understand the genres of Scripture)
- 3 What does the Church mean when it calls the Bible “revelation”?
(belief in the privileged significance of Jewish/Christian history: the obedience of Scripture writers to the traditions of faith; not automatic writing, not writing with ulterior meanings hidden from the author)
- 4 What did the Church do before the Gospels were written?
(Paul preached without a New Testament, the Church lived the most significant period of its history without a written Gospel: the relative value of Scripture and Tradition: the vital importance of reading the Scripture within the Christian community)
- 5 Why read the Old Testament?
(True revelation, God’s word before the coming of the Word made Flesh: very specifically, the handbook to the religion of Jesus of Nazareth: the way Christians read the Psalms, the prophecies, etc)