

Northern Saints

episode one notes

Bede

Bede entered the monastic life from a very young age and this gave him a love of scripture and a desire to learn.

-When did you first read the bible for yourself and how do you think this has shaped how you engage with it now?

-What are your favourite parts to read? Which bits do you find most challenging?

-What rhythms, if any, do you have of reading scripture?

-How have these helped you in other parts of your life?

It was through Bede that the terms A.D and B.C (although in Bede's time this was A.C.N - Ante Christum Natum) became popularised. As Bede was writing history to help people learn through events in our past, he needed one hinge point to help frame time. He decided the birth of Jesus is the pivotal moment in history from which all other events find their meaning.

-How does viewing history through the lens of the life of Jesus change how we see events of the past?

-How does viewing your own life through the same lens alter how you see it?

-What do you think the relationship is between Bede's passion for history and love for the bible?

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Bede was incredibly influential in helping non-academics understand ancient scripture through his writing of commentaries. Seeking to find ways to join the dots between the old and new testaments as well as presenting the bible in a way that is applicable and relatable to modern life was a life's work for Bede.

What resources have you used in the past to help you understand the bible better?

What examples have you got of other people helping you to gain a clearer understanding of scripture?

How can you incorporate the use of commentaries, videos, and other resources into your regular study of the bible?

Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the entirety of the bible and is a love song about scripture. Verses 9 and 10 say:

**How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word.
I seek you with all my heart;
do not let me stray from your commands.**

Spend the rest of your time together praying and thanking God for not leaving us alone but giving us a map and a guide for life in the bible.