**Why study the Old Testament?**

Because it’s Jesus’ Bible. Let’s let Jesus tell us a story about why we should study the scriptures that he knew.

LUKE 16:19-31 (NIV)

The Rich Man and Lazarus

**19**“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. **20**At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores **21**and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

**22**“The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. **23**In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side.

**24**So (the rich man) called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’

**25**“But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. **26**And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

**27**“(the rich man) answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family,**28**for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

**29**“Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’

**30**“‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

**31**“He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”