

If the Bible were still being written

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I'm always intrigued when I'm reminded of some of the background stories (context) behind the actual words of the Bible. John's famous line "God is love" was born out of a messy leadership conflict (1 John 4:8). Paul's unifying dictum "you are all one in Christ" addressed social and racial tensions (Gal. 3:28). The book of Revelation wasn't written to inspire a whole industry of apocalyptic 'art' (I use that term very loosely!), but addressed those first Christians who literally faced death for their decision to place Jesus as Lord. I could go on and on.

And really, we shouldn't be surprised when we're confronted by such messiness. History, and our own lives for that matter, tells a story full of conflict and struggle. I take comfort knowing the themes of scripture arise from a world not unlike our own.

From this idea, a hypothetical question recently came to mind:

If the bible was still being written, which issues or stories would be addressed?

I'm not asking this to delve into issues of the closed [biblical canon](#). I have a pretty strong confidence in the decisions made by the early church fathers in the first 300+ years of church history. No, I just think it's an intriguing question. The Bible addressed specific places, people, and situations. I can relate to that. So, which people, places, and situations would be addressed today?

I'd love to hear your responses. I'll post a follow-up later in the week.

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