What makes art good – small details vs bigger picture

Point to small details --> miss bigger picture

People do same with bible

Thesis: while many argue over exact details, focus on Jesus -> more sense

Makes spiritually fulfilling + logically sound

Challenges, Christocentric hermeneutic, examples

First order issue: Literalism --> false dichotomy (all inerrant or all human)

Mental gymnastics + doubt OR distrust + unworthy (CITATION)

Inconsistencies – creation story + Leviticus

Different order of creation

Funne rules

Illogical from literalist view

Rebuttal: chance of misinterpretation

Block: pharisees do that – Matthew 12

Second order dissolution: A Christocentric hermeneutic

Neither an account of history nor a instruction manual

Literal lies mean spiritual truth

Intentionally unreliable, no deceptive intent

Example: genealogy in Matthew

Middle ground for controversial passages

Rebuttal: excuse to ignore hard parts

Block: parables are a testament to complexity of truth (CITATION)

Praxis: Two examples from David Mack

Fire – promise of purification, not threat of punishment

“you shall be perfect” – a promise, not a command