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**Discussions Questions Due 04/03/19**

**Thorsen Chapter 1**

1. Is there any misalignment between the four books of the Gospel? I tend to believe that the Scripture is subject to some human error over years of translation (while I’m not set on that belief, I do tend to lean that way). Are there any recorded instances where one book gives one account or states one things while another has even a slightly different perceived perspective?
2. Page 7: What are the inherent dangers of reading too far into theology? Is there a point where you read into something so far that you come out with a flawed deduction? While faith is supposed to be that, just faith, it needs a bit of theological supplement to aide in getting to know God. Basically, what is the balance between having faith and studying theology in our spiritual lives?
3. What catalyzed the development of theology? If theology is the study of the Bible, shouldn’t theology have always been a thing? I suppose this question does not really aide in the understanding of God, but I do feel it needs to be considered.
4. Thorsen says that theology is typically decided by the higher ups in the church; those who study the Bible the most dictates the church’s theological beliefs. We see this in the Catholic church, where priests dictate what the congregation believes, and the congregation very seldom studies on their own. Is it dangerous to leave all the theological matters up to a smaller group of Christians?