**The "Weightier Matters" of Hermeneutics:**

**Formative Ecclesial Readings as Endemic and Telic**

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**Jesus’ Uncomfortable Hermeneutics**

Some Early Christian hermeneutical moves:

* Concatenation
* Metalepsis
* Retelling the History of Israel

**Weightiness**

*Argument: The ecclesially-based formative reading and preaching of Scripture is what drives a Christian hermeneutic. This does not exclude other modes of reading (historical, literary, theological, etc.), but the core is and the greatest weight should be put on this mode of reading that is both endemic and telic.*

**Four Big Words**

1. Formative

2. Ecclesial

3. Endemic

4. Telic

**Psychagogical Reading and Preaching – The Example of Chrysostom**

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