

The First Bible Museum in the Nordic Countries Opens

OPENING TO THE AUDIENCE: The first Bible museum in the Nordic region opens in Oslo this Friday.

On Friday June 1st the doors of the Nordic Bible Museum open in the heart of Oslo. The museum is home to Bibles from all of the Nordic countries.

- We can promise a journey through the history of the Bible, from old Bible pages written on leather or parchment, to modern digital Bibles, says founder Rune Arnhoff.

The museum is placed in Nedre Slottsgate 4c, and is nestled between Akershus Fortress and Karl Johans gate.

By exhibiting the most interesting from the collection of over 2500 Bibles, the museum provides the audience with an exclusive opportunity to do a deep-dive into Nordic Bible history.

- The Bibles are diverse in terms of size, shape, and color. Several are beautifully illustrated, and the oldest Bible pages can be dated back to the 13th century, Arnhoff says.

Printing press

The museum has its own Gutenberg section which exhibits reprints of the first printed Bibles.

- We have gotten our hands on an old printing press to illustrate how the first Bibles were made. A person will sit and write texts in the writing room, just as they did in the Middle Ages, he says.

An entire wall of the museum will be covered with Bibles that the museum has received as gifts or donations. Additionally, a large canvas will display more than 1000 different artworks from Bibles.

- We also have a museum shop that sells reprints of old, well-known Bibles, among other things, says Arnhoff.

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