

LESSON #89 – JESUS APPEARS TO THE DISCIPLES ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

Luke 24:13-35

As Jesus appeared to the disciples He did not tell them anything new. But before He had died and risen from the dead, they did not know God's plans for them. Jesus was now explaining to them what they were supposed to do by explaining to them God's wonderful plan to save His people. The Word of God is so important and you must always want to learn more about God through reading His Word, the Bible. The more you know about God and about His plan to save YOU from your sins the more you will love God and trust Him. And the more you trust Him the more you will obey Him and the happier you will be. You will not have to worry because you will know that He is always with you and that He is watching out for you. So it is very important that you listen in Sunday School and at home so that you will hear God's Word and know that He loves you and wants you to trust in Him.

In today's lesson we will see again just how important it is to understand the Bible, God's Word. On the same day which Jesus rose upon, there were two men who believed in Jesus while He was alive, walking to a village called Emmaus. It was about seven miles from Jerusalem so it would take them two or three hours. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened in Jerusalem: how Jesus had been crucified. And as they talked about these things with each other, Jesus came up and walked along beside them. But somehow God kept them from knowing Who He was.

As they walked Jesus asked them what they were talking about. One of them, names Cleopas, asked Him, "Are you the only one living in Jerusalem who doesn't know the things that had happened there in these days?" "What things," Jesus asked. Then the man told Jesus how Jesus of Nazareth, a great prophet, had been handed over by the chief priest and rulers to be crucified. He told Him how they had hoped that He would be the One to save Israel from their sins. Then He said how some of the women had found the tomb empty, not being able to find His body. But while the man told these things to Jesus, he did not believe that Jesus had really risen from the dead.

Then Jesus said, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter His glory?" Then Jesus began to explain to them all of the things which Moses and the prophets had written, telling about the promised Savior and how they were all fulfilled in Jesus.

Finally, they got to the village of Emmaus and they asked Jesus to stay with them for the night. So He went in with them. When He was at the table with them, He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. And then God let them see that it was Jesus. Then Jesus disappeared from their sight.

Immediately they got up and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the disciples and those who were with them and said, "It is true! The Lord has risen!" Then they told them everything that had happened.

Think, now, what Jesus said to these men. They should have known that Jesus WAS the promised Savior sent by God! Why? Because God's Word told them what the Savior would do when He came and Jesus had done all of these things. We cannot prove that the Bible is true. But we know that it is if we are God's children. Because the Bible tells us about Jesus, we can know that He is alive and is our Savior, too! Some people look for other things when they look for a church to go to. Maybe you would like to color or see movies or do something else in Sunday School. But, you see, there is nothing as important as hearing God's Word and believing everything it says.

Memory Verse: "He Who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit."
– Romans 8:11.

Application: God's Word holds many treasures for those who believe it!

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Jesus had now risen from the dead, but he did not ascend into heaven right away. It would be forty days before He would do that. In the meantime, He appeared to many people and spoke to them. Why did He do that? One of the reasons was to have many witnesses to prove that He had really risen. If Jesus did not rise from the dead, we have no assurance that we will. We know that He did, for we have the witness of God's Word, and the people in the days of Jesus knew that He had risen because they had the witness of all of the people who had seen Him.

Jesus stayed on the earth for forty days for another reason. He wanted to explain to the disciples what His death and resurrection meant for them and for the world. Remember that Jesus had told them many things, and they had the Old Testament Scriptures, but they did not understand how Jesus had fulfilled all of these things. It is important for you, as you grow older, not just to know what the Bible says, but to understand why these things happened and why it is so important for you to believe and to serve Jesus.

On the same day that Jesus rose from the dead, there were two men traveling along the road from Jerusalem to a village called Emmaus. It was about seven miles. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened in Jerusalem. As they were talking, Jesus came up and walked along with them, but God kept them from recognizing just who He was.

Jesus asked them what they were talking about. One of them, named Cleopas, asked Jesus, "Are you the only one living in Jerusalem who doesn't know the things that have happened there in these days?" Then Jesus asked, "What things?" They told Him how a man called Jesus of Nazareth, a great prophet, had been sentenced to die by the chief priests and had been crucified. They said that they had hoped that He was the One who was going to save Israel. Then they told Jesus how some of their women had found the tomb empty and had claimed that He had risen.

Jesus had been listening all of this time. He could see that they did not understand why He had died or rose again. He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!" He told them that the prophets in the Old Testament had said that the Savior would have to suffer and then enter into glory. Jesus explained why God had chosen Israel and had made his covenant with Moses and the people at Mt. Sinai. He explained to them how the sacrifices and other things all pointed to Jesus. Everything pointed to the fact that Jesus of Nazareth was the Savior, and if they believed God's Word they should have no doubts that He really had risen from the dead!

As they came to the village of Emmaus, it was getting close to evening, and the two men asked Jesus to stay with them. He went in with them, and they sat down at the table to eat. Then Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and began to give it to them. God opened their eyes, and they knew that it was Jesus. As soon as they knew it was Him, He disappeared from their sight. They said that they should have known it was him because they could feel inside of them that He had spoken the truth to them about God's Word.

They got up and ran all of the way to Jerusalem to tell the disciples that they had seen Jesus. "It is true!" they said. "The Lord has risen!" They told the disciples everything that had happened and how they had realized that it was Jesus when He broke the bread and blessed it. They should have known it before Jesus even told them. They should have read the Scriptures and understood that Jesus came to die for man's sins, and that He rose again to show His power and to assure us that we, too, will rise again from the dead by His power. Ask God to help you to understand His Word. His Word will help you to live happily. Nothing else will do that.

Jesus Appears to the Disciples (Continued)

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MEMORY VERSE

“He explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning Himself.” – Luke 24:27

APPLICATION

God is always near to help those who are His people to understand His Word. He promises to give His Holy Spirit to those who ask Him for it that they might understand these things. Wherever you read in the Bible, it tells about Jesus. Even in the Old Testament as you read about the kings, God points you to the need for a good and perfect king for His people. To understand God’s Word, you need Jesus as your Savior so that you will love His Word and know that it leads to faith in Jesus Christ, to trust in the only true God, and to life eternal!

QUESTIONS

Fill in the blanks with the words at the bottom.

1. After Jesus had risen from the dead, He stayed on the earth and appeared to His disciples and others for ____ days.
2. One of the reasons that Jesus stayed on the earth for a while was so that there would be many _____ to prove that He had really risen from the dead.
3. Jesus also stayed on the earth for forty days to explain the _____ to the disciples.
4. On the same day that Jesus had risen, Jesus came up and walked along with two men who were on their way to _____.
5. As they walked, they were talking about the things which had happened in _____.
6. The two men showed that they knew all of the things which had happened to Jesus, but they did not _____ them.
7. Jesus told them that they should also understand these things because these were the exact things which the _____ had spoken and written about.
8. As they came to Emmaus, it was almost _____ so the two men asked Jesus to stay with them.
9. As Jesus sat at the table with them and broke the bread and gave thanks for it, the eyes of the men were opened and they realized that it was Jesus, but then He _____ from before them.
10. The two men got up and ran to Jerusalem to tell the _____ that they had seen Jesus. He was alive!

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LESSON #89 – JESUS CONDEMNED BY PILATE

Read Matt. 27:11-31; Mark 15:1-20; Luke 22:66-23:25; John 18:28-19:16

God had decided to save some from eternal death before the world began. But why did He have to send Jesus, His own Son? Why couldn't some good man have taken our place on the cross and paid God's judgment against our sin? Because the justice of God required that a perfect sacrifice be given for only such a sacrifice could take away sin. Every person who has ever lived has been a sinner and one sin makes a person worthy of eternal death. No one can pay for their own sins let alone for anyone else's. As Jesus goes before Pilate we find God giving another testimony concerning His Son and our Savior. Even Pilate could not find anything that Jesus had done wrong and declared Him to be completely innocent. Yes, what the Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians is true, "He Who knew no sin, was made to be sin for us, that we might be the righteousness of God through Him."

QUESTIONS

1. Where did the Jews take Jesus after they had decided that He must be killed? _____
2. According to Luke 23:2 what did they accuse Jesus of? _____
3. John tells us that Pilate did not want anything to do with Jesus. What did he tell the Jews to do? _____

4. Why couldn't they do that? _____
5. Why does John say this happened? _____
6. What question did Pilate ask Jesus? _____
How did Jesus answer? _____
7. As the Jews continued to accuse Jesus of many things what did Jesus do? _____
8. What offer did Pilate make to the Jews to try to set Jesus free? _____
9. When Pilate found that Jesus was from Galilee to whom did Pilate send Jesus? _____
10. What did Herod want Jesus to do? _____
Did he find any charge? _____
11. What did the wife of Pilate say to him? _____
12. What did the crowd keep shouting? _____
13. How did Pilate show that he was not responsible for what was going to happen to Jesus? _____
14. What did Jesus tell Pilate about His kingdom? _____
15. What did Jesus say when Pilate said he had the power to set Jesus free or put Him to death? (See John 1017-18) _____

QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT

See Matthew 12:30. Was Pilate guilty for condemning Jesus to death? Can we be for Jesus if we do not serve Him?