

Luke 24:19-27 – Wise Men Believe Christ was Raised from the Dead

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Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ: **Ignorance is more deadly than cancer and more prevalent than Covid!**

If you don't know you shouldn't operate your barbeque in your house, you will probably die. **But that is only physical death.**

If you don't know Jesus was raised from the dead (and you only see him as a good moral example) **you will die physically and spiritually.**

Hear why that is so!

Our headings are:

Ignorance of the Resurrection Confirmed

Ignorance of the Resurrection Condemned

Ignorance of the Resurrection Cured

Our goals are: **That knowing Jesus was raised from the dead to save you, you will be passionate about him, praise him for it, and promote him around the world so the world may enjoy his blessings also.**

Ignorance of the Resurrection Confirmed

19 And He said to them, "What things?" So they said to Him, "**The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word** before God and all the people, 20 "and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him.

1. These 2 men on the road to Emmaus were ignorant of the promise of Jesus' resurrection, even though the Bible was filled with promises of his resurrection, directly and by implication.

Yes, they knew of Jesus' works: He had healed the sick, raised the dead, walked on the sea, and he miraculously provided food for the hungry.

Yes, they knew of Jesus' words: He was a prophet who spoke the truth and pointed men back to God.

Yes, they knew (and regretted) that the chief priests and the rulers pronounced Jesus guilty and made the Romans kill him. Apostle Peter confirmed all 3 of these things later:

Acts 10:37 "that **word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea**, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: 38 "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about **doing good and healing** all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. 39 "And **we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree.**

Yet these 2 men were totally ignorant of his resurrection!

Look at what the Bible said: Jesus could not be left in the ground after death!

Psalms 16:10 For You **will not leave my soul in Sheol**, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.

Maybe they forgot about the ascension of Jesus after his battle with the Devil.

Psalm 68:18 **You have ascended on high**, You have led captivity captive; You have received gifts among men, Even from the rebellious, That the LORD God might dwell there.

Jesus would rise up triumphantly!

Malachi 4:2 But to you who fear My name **The Sun of Righteousness shall arise With healing in His wings**; And you shall go out And grow fat like stall-fed calves.

Jesus' resurrection is seen by implication in Psalm 110, 72, and 2 which predicted that he would reign until the world is conquered. He had to be alive to do this!

More, Old Testament saints knew their hope or resurrection was grounded in the fact Christ would be resurrected.

These include Abraham when his wife Sarah died and Job before his death.

They even had the beautiful picture of the Feast of Pentecost – showing the seeds being raised from the dead!

21 "But **we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel.** Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened.

2. Because of their ignorance, the 2 men thought Jesus was going to restore a physical kingdom, driving out the Romans from Jerusalem, and establishing the great Davidic and Solomonic kingdom.

Even Jesus' disciples were ignorant.

Acts 1:6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "**Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?**"

It was like these 2 men were blaming Jesus...to have given them hope and then dashing it to the ground.

They thought the "Consolation of Israel" was meant to be only of the natural born Jews!

But Apostle Paul confirmed even some who were **natural born Israelites were not true Jews**, and some **non-natural-born Jews were true Israelites**.

Romans 9:6...For they are **not all Israel who are of Israel**

Romans 11: 24 For if you were **cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature**, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, who are natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?

Christ's kingdom was not a physical kingdom made up of those who had physical signs on their bodies. Christ's kingdom was made up of Jews and Gentiles! **So their faulty knowledge made them hope for faulty things...and blaming Christ...**

22 "Yes, and **certain women of our company**, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. 23 "When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen **a vision of angels** who said He was alive. 24 "And **certain of those who were with us** went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see."

3. These 2 men accused Jesus of being ignorant but they were the ones who were really ignorant.

They thought Jesus was still dead even though his most trusted disciples confirmed he was raised from the dead by their own eyes, multiple women who when there first and testified to it, and **2 angels who confirmed he was risen.**

It is as if the hopes of these 2 men were nailed to the tree and died, and then buried in the grave, never to arise!

4. Lessons:

a. When you don't know God's Word you lose hope, your confidence gets buried, and you change your behavior. When you know only part of God's Word, you will only have little hope, part confidence, and questionable behavior!

b. Christ's death was a fatal blow to the Devil, for in Christ's death he destroyed sin, crushing the Devil's head. But **without the resurrection of Jesus there is no hope for Christians.**

A dead Jesus gives no hope! He just satisfies God anger for you. Christ's resurrection means you are resurrected too!

c. Those who don't believe in Christ's resurrection, are pitiful and their faith is useless. They have no hope of resurrection. These include Jehovah's Witnesses...and much of the world.

d. Jesus did not come to be a moral teacher. He came do die and be resurrected for sinners and tell them about it. "Do unto others as you would have them do to you," might sound like the Gospel, but it is not the Gospel, rather, that is a standard for civil justice. That may be Western society's moral standards, but it isn't God's standards.

Ignorance of the Resurrection Condemned

25 Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! 26 "Ought not the Christ to **have suffered these things** and **to enter into His glory?**"

1. Jesus condemned the 2 men, calling them fools because they were ignorant.

They had ignored God's Word through the prophets - words which made it clear Jesus would enter his glory after conquering the enemy. (Psalm 68)

They heard the words repeated from Psalm 16! They read it many times...maybe even memorized them, but it never reached their hearts. They also didn't remember the testimony of the women at the tomb, the disciples, and the angels!

2. More, Jesus condemned the 2 men because they should have known Christ's death was not a defeat, but rather, is was part of God's plan all along- he had to suffer and die and be raised again.

All the 5 Old Testament sacrifices pointed to his work.

All 3 of the major feasts pointed to his work- including his resurrection.

The Psalms pointed to him. **The law** pointed to him. **The prophets** pointed to him.

The **details of his suffering proved who he was because the details were tied to his resurrection.**

You know Isaiah 53, so let me point out where this was taught in the Old Testament in another place.

Daniel 9:26 "And after the **sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut** off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary...

Christ's suffering, death, and burial did not end his work. His work would have been incomplete if he stayed in the grave.

He had the work of resurrecting, and **ruling** and **guiding his army** as they conquered the world.

3. Lessons:

a. Only fools reject God and his Word. Only fools reject the evidence of the resurrection and refuse to plead with God for its benefits.

b. Rebuke those who live in ignorance of important things.

c. Specifically, rebuke anyone who claims to be a Christian or rebuke anyone from a false religion who denies the resurrection. Tell him he has no hope without it. It is the resurrection or hell.

d. Rebuke those who substitute (or minimize) the full Gospel and the resurrection for "moralistic" "do unto others" Gospel. Love them enough to rebuke them.

Ignorance of the Resurrection Cured

27 And **beginning at Moses and all the Prophets,** He expounded to them in **all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.**

1. Jesus did not leave the 2 men in ignorance about the resurrection; he is too good of a Savior to do that.

Instead, he expounded the Word of God about his life, suffering, death, and resurrection from Moses... from the Psalms, and from then the prophets – all of the Bible. **He cured their ignorance.**

2. In fact, in Verse 32, reflecting on this interaction, the hearts of these 2 men burned while Jesus was correcting them.

In other words, they were being convicted of their ignorance. Jesus set them straight.

But there were more things they missed. They were ignorant of Christ's coming glory! So Peter spoke!

1 Peter 1:11 searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of **Christ and the glories that would follow.**

3. Lessons:

a. Know God's Words – all of it. You have to learn all Scriptures to get their full benefits. All of Scriptures are about Christ.

b. If Christ were not raised, you are still in your sins. You are without hope. Only Christ's resurrection guarantees life.

Conclusion:

These 2 men were ignorant of the resurrection. They had the Bible but they didn't take time to know it. So they lost hope and frustrated themselves. So Jesus had to rebuke them for their ignorance. He rebuked them strongly because it was a great sin. But he did not leave them there. Instead, he took the time to graciously explain about his life, death, burial, and resurrection.

Brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ:

1. Now that you know Jesus was raised from the dead – for you – be passionate for him! He did for you what you need the most but neither you nor anyone else could do for you!

2. Now that you know Jesus was raised from the dead – for you – praise him. You need to praise him more than you might praise your mother and father who gave you physical life! His gift is for eternal life!

3. Now that you know Jesus was raised from the dead – for you – promote him to the world. Can anyone find anything about this on your Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, TikTok, WhatsApp, and whatever the newest social media platform you are on today?

Finally: If you are a not a Christian, know Jesus live, died, and rose again from the dead in the place of sinners. If you receive it, you have life – life forever. You reject the resurrection at your peril. Don't let this day pass without you calling on him for help, lest you die and spend eternity in hell.

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13 Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem.

14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened.

15 So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them.

16 But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him.

17 And He said to them, "What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?"

18 Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?"

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