

Luke
See Jesus
Message Over Messenger
Luke 24:13-27

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Luke 24:13-27 “That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing Him. ¹⁷ And He said to them, ‘What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?’ And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered Him, ‘Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?’ ¹⁹ And He said to them, ‘What things?’ And they said to Him, ‘Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and rulers delivered Him up to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. ²¹ But we had hoped that He was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²² Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³ and when they did not find His body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that He was alive. ²⁴ Some 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.” ²⁵ And He said to them, ‘O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into His glory?’ ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

Reader: This is the Word of The Lord.

Response: ***Thanks Be To God!***

I. The greatest gift you can give someone is an understanding of the Word of God!

Luke 24:27 “And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.”

A. Only the Bible shows the truth about salvation from sin and the wrath to come.

Romans 10:9 “...because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

B. Only obeying the Bible leads to lives that are fulfilled, blessed, effective, and joyful.

Psalms 16:11 “You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”

C. Only the Bible will help you understand life from God’s perspective.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

D. Only the Bible will help you understand God’s purpose for you.

Romans 8:28-30 “And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. ²⁹ For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and those whom He justified He also glorified.”

8 Ways Your Bible Describes Itself

1. “Truth”

John 17:17 “Sanctify them in the truth; **Your word is truth.**”

2. “Upright”

Psalms 33:4 “For the word of the Lord is **upright**, and all His work is done in faithfulness.”

3. “Firmly fixed”

Psalms 119:89 “Forever, O Lord, Your word is **firmly fixed** in the heavens.”

4. “Lamp” / “Light”

Psalms 119:105 “Your word is a **lamp** to my feet and a **light** to my path.”

5. “Pure”

Psalms 119:140 (NASB) “Your word is very **pure**, Therefore Your servant loves it.”

6. “Reward”

Proverbs 13:13 “Whoever despises the word brings destruction on himself, but he who reveres the commandment will be **rewarded.**”

7. “Good”

Proverbs 16:20 “Whoever gives thought to the word will discover **good**, and blessed is he who trusts in the Lord.”

8. “Blessing”

Luke 11:28 “But He said, “**Blessed** rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

II. Life-changing power is in the message, not the messenger.

Luke 24:16-17 “But their eyes were kept from recognizing Him. ¹⁷ And He said to them, ‘What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?’”

1 Corinthians 1:17 “For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.”

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 “And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. ³ And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴ and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.”

Questions for Personal Reflection and/or Community Group Discussion:

1. Pastor Peter said “The greatest gift you can give someone is an understanding of the Word of God.” Through whom has that gift been given to you?
2. Who can you help gain an understanding of the Word of God?
3. Pastor Peter made much of the fact Jesus didn’t reveal Himself to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, but helped them understand the Scriptures. Why should that encourage us as we seek to minister to others?
4. What next step can you take in order to be better equipped to help others understand God’s Word?