



5 MINUTE LESSONS ON THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Does the Passage Reveal Jesus?

“¹³Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴And they talked together of all these things which had happened. ¹⁵So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him.

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

¹⁸Then 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?’

¹⁹And 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, ²⁰and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. ²¹But 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. ²²Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. ²³When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. ²⁴And 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.’

²⁵Then He said to them, ‘O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?’ ²⁷And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.” (Luke 24:13-27 NKJV)

I pray often throughout the day that Jesus will be revealed to me as I read the Scriptures (Ephesians 1:17-18). It’s all about Him, not about me. When the Scriptures are speaking to me it’s something like what the disciples experienced as Jesus gave them a personal Bible study.

“And they said to one another, ‘Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?’”
(Luke 24:32 NKJV)

The Holy Spirit and the Scriptures have been sent to testify about Jesus (John 15:26; John 5:39). When that revelation of Jesus comes to me from the Scriptures, that’s what I begin to work with. I will write those verses down on 3 x 5 cards and read and think about those verses for months sometimes. It’s amazing that there is so much that can be revealed about Jesus.

When the eunuch (Acts 8:34) asked Philip about a Scripture passage from Isaiah, written 700 years before Christ, immediately Philip took that passage and proclaimed to him about Jesus the Messiah:

“Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.” (Acts 8:35)

So pray that you will see Jesus as you read the Scriptures: you may see His character, His love, His grace, His correction, His instruction in righteousness, or His redemption. You may see His foundational doctrines (Hebrews 6:1-3) such as repentance, faith, baptisms, laying on of hands, or eternal judgment. You may see His teachings revealed to His Apostles (Acts 2:42). The point is that Jesus is going to be revealed through the Scriptures, both Old Testament and New (2 Timothy 3:15-16). Work with the inspiration that God is revealing (it’s going to be Jesus). Glorify the Holy One of Israel!

“...for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12 NASB)

Questions

- 1** What emotions did the two men display?
- 2** How did the two men describe Jesus and what had happened?
- 3** How had the events of the last few days crushed the expectations of the two men talking with Jesus?
- 4** When did the men finally recognize Jesus?
- 5** What did the men recall after they reflected on their conversation with Jesus?

6 How did these men respond to their encounter with Jesus?

We want to hear from you!

We would love to hear your feedback on these lessons and how you use them in your own study or in discipling others. If you have any thoughts, stories, testimonies, comments, or questions we would love to hear them!

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Answer Key

1 What emotions did the two men display?

“And He said to them, ‘What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?’” (Luke 24:17 NKJV)

2 How did the two men describe Jesus and what had happened?

“¹⁹And 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, ²⁰and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. ²¹But 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. ²²Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. ²³When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. ²⁴And 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.’” (Luke 24:19-24 NKJV)

3 How had the events of the last few days crushed the expectations of the two men talking with Jesus?

“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.” (Luke 24:21 NKJV)

4 When did the men finally recognize Jesus?

“³⁰Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight.” (Luke 24:30-31 NKJV)

5 What did the men recall after they reflected on their conversation with Jesus?

“And they said to one another, ‘Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?’” (Luke 24:32 NKJV)

6 How did these men respond to their encounter with Jesus?

“³³So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, ‘The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!’ ³⁵And they told about the things that had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread.” (Luke 24:33-35 NKJV)