

November 15, 2020.
Christ Chapel Of Bandera
Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

Not needed to follow this writing/lesson is a referenced Study Guide. An attempt has been made where anybody with a Bible will find easy reading.

Sunday, November 15, 2020. The Gospel Project; Adult Daily Discipleship Guide ESV; Volume 9, Number 1; Fall 2020; Jesus Encounters Two Disciples.

Opening Joke:

Why are there flotation devices in the seats of planes instead of parachutes?

Opening Prayer:

In class: Ask an attendee to open with a word of prayer.

On WEB site: Lord God, Father Almighty, You created that read this lesson would like to learn more of Your word. May what is written here be true to Your word and Your wishes as to what You have illuminated. May Your peace and comfort shine through. Your created looks forward to the time spent with You forever in heaven. Thank you for forgiveness of sins through Your Son Jesus Christ. Through Him this prayer is offered.
Amen

Disclaimer:

I am not seminary trained. Other than being a Christian, I do not claim any special relationship with God. Therefore, feel free to disagree with anything and everything I write/say.

The Lesson:

Using the Bible translation of your choice read Luke 1:1-4.

Questions for thought:

Was the writer, Luke, an eyewitness to the life of Jesus? (Apparently not, Luke 1:3 indicates Luke wrote his gospel after “having investigated everything carefully!”)

To whom was the Gospel of Luke written? (Theophilus, Luke 1:3)

In what order was the gospel of Luke written? (Consecutive, Luke 1:3)

Why was the gospel of Luke written? (So that you [Theophilus] may know the exact truth about the things you have been taught)

Might Christians today read Luke seeing the *exact* truth?

Would Christians today like to hear the *exact* truth from Jesus himself, have the bible explained to them by Jesus himself, face to face?

Using the Bible translation of your choice read Luke 24:13-35.

Questions for thought:

Who were the “two of them” mentioned in Luke 24:13 (Cleopas and an unnamed person, Luke 24:18)

Were the “two of them” apostles or disciples?

In the beginning, why did Jesus prevent the “two of them” from recognizing Him [Jesus]?

Notice how the “two of them” described Jesus to a stranger! Luke 24:19 says in part, “...who was a prophet mighty in deed and word in the sight of God and all the people.” While Luke 24:21 says, “But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel.”

Who or what did the “two of them” hope Jesus was going to redeem? (Israel, Luke 24:21)

Who or what do Christians today trust that Jesus has redeemed?

The Study Guide says on page 104, the last paragraph:

The two disciples felt anything but peace as Jesus joined them on the road. In their understanding of the Scriptures, the Messiah was supposed to reign, not die. He was to be king, not crucified as a criminal. But just as their eyes had not yet been opened to see Jesus’ true identity, their minds and hearts had not yet been opened to understand and believe the truth of Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection.

The Study Guide on page 108, the last part of the first paragraph and the entire second paragraph continues:

They knew the Old Testament prophecies, but the One they thought was the Messiah had died. He wasn’t ruling over other nations triumphantly, removing oppression from Israel. He was not the King they expected. He was humble.

Yet He also was risen! The events the two were discussing were the events the Israelites had waited generations to experience, and when it arrived, most didn’t even realize it. He chose to appear humbly to the two disciples by walking with them on a journey, not parading by them in a fanfare. He was an unrecognized risen Messiah walking with them as they discussed the happenings in Jerusalem that centered on Him.

On page 109, the Study Guide continues in part of the second paragraph:

Sometimes we know the truth, but it's far harder to live than simply to know. Sometimes we don't understand why and an event occurs or we don't feel God's presence, and we immediately turn to question the God who sustains us. We forget that He want us to know Him and to trust Him. He has given us His Word and displayed His character through the Word made flesh, and He asks that we believe Him.

Questions for thought:

Before Jesus revealed Himself, did the "two of them" have any idea that Jesus' tomb was empty? (Yes, Luke 24:22-24)

Why did Jesus call the "two of them" foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken?"

What word did Jesus use in verse 26 to describe His suffering and consequential entering into glory? (Necessary, Luke 24:26)

In explaining the scripture to the "two of them", with what covenant did Jesus start? (Mosaic, Luke 24:27)

Does this mean that the covenants with Adam, Noah, and Abraham are not important? Why or Why not?

The Study Guide on page 105, the last complete paragraph says:

Through the Holy Spirit illuminating Scripture, we, like the early disciples, are enabled to read all of Scripture in light of Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and ascension. The gospel message informs our reading of God's Word from beginning to end. Scripture points forward to the One who would crush the serpent's head (Gen 3:15) and be the ultimate sacrifice to atone for sin as foreshadowed in Israel's tabernacle and temple practices. He is the Prince of Peace (Isa 9:6) and the coming King of Glory (Ps 24).

Continuing on page 109, the last two paragraphs say:

Jesus' death and resurrection shouldn't have been a surprise to the two disciples. He met their discouragement and confusion with Scripture, revealing that it all points to Him. Jesus could have shown Himself to them and removed their doubt and questioning, but instead, He revealed the truth found in God's Word about the kind of Messiah He would be. He did not immediately deliver Israel from surrounding nations but instead had come to redeem the rebel through His sacrificial death.

They later recognized Him and came to know the truth by sight, but their hearts had been stirred to faith as Jesus taught them to understand rightly the Scriptures and the greater deliverance Jesus had come to secure.

Questions for thought:

When did the “two of them” finally recognize Jesus? (When Jesus took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the “two of them”, Luke 24:30-31)

Why would Jesus vanish from their sight?

What did the “two of them” do once they realized they had seen the Risen Savior? (Rejoiced and then “that very hour” returned to Jerusalem)

Why did the “two of them” returned to Jerusalem? (To find others and tell others the good news, Luke 24:34-35)

Today, once someone has accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, what does Jesus expect a Christian to do?

We now have an opportunity to go next door and rejoice together and encourage one another in the spreading of the good news. Let us do so with glad hearts.

Thank you for letting me worship the Lord with you today.

Joe Huth