

ENCOUNTERS WITH THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

Lesson #17

“WHY ARE YOU TALKING LIKE THAT??

Luke 24:13-53

If you are a good listener, you can quickly discern whether or not someone really believes in the promises of God. Is it ever acceptable for Christians to speak about the Lord as though He was a dead, powerless Savior, unable to deliver His children as He promised?

I. THE LIFE OF A BELIEVER SHOULD NEVER BE DOMINATED BY HOPELESS CONVERSATIONS (Luke 24:13-17)

A. A lot of believers talk about what Jesus did without fully understanding the big picture, or understanding the Resurrection. (Luke 24: 13-14)

B. The Lord is often in our midst in ways we do not recognize. He loves to reveal, yet He also conceals things to motivate us to search.

1. “It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, but the glory of kings is to search out a matter.” (Proverbs 25:2)

C. Can you imagine a stranger butting into your conversation and asking “what are you talking about?” Has Jesus ever challenged you about your sad and unbiblical conversations?

D. Jesus was not recognized as He approached these disciples. He is still not recognized by most people in the world today. Do you recognize Him as Lord and Sovereign over everything and everyone, including you??

II. IT IS POSSIBLE TO KNOW THE FACTS ABOUT THE EARTHLY LIFE OF JESUS, AND STILL NOT BELIEVE THE RESURRECTION. YOU ARE WITHOUT HOPE IF YOU DO NOT WORSHIP A RISEN SAVIOR! (Luke 24:18-23)

A. The disciples were incredulous that someone could be near Jerusalem and be ignorant of what Jesus had been doing, and what had happened to Him. How well do you know the facts? (Luke 24: 18-19)

****NOTICE THE FIRST RESURRECTION APPEARANCE WAS MADE TO AN UNFAMILIAR DISCIPLE AND ONE WHOSE NAME IS NOT MENTIONED. THE “NAMELESS” PEOPLE OF THIS WORLD ARE JUST AS IMPORTANT AS EVERYONE ELSE WHEN IT COMES TO CHRIST!***

B. The Lord never asks questions because He lacks information. He asks to force us to confess what we understand or believe, and to look beneath the surface of our understanding.

1. Job 38:1-7

C. The tone of the disciples conversation proved that they had **given up hope** in the Jesus they were trusting to deliver them from their situation (Luke 24: 20-24)

1. They did not understand all there is to redemption.

2. They did not understand what He meant by rising on the third day

3. They did not believe the report of the women and angels that He was indeed alive.

(1st Corinthians 15: 12-19)

***THE PASSAGE ABOVE USES AN ARGUMENT TECHNIQUE KNOWN AS “REDUCTIO AD ABSURDUM” WHEREIN A PROPOSITION IS DISPROVEN BY FOLLOWING ITS IMPLICATIONS TO AN ABSURD CONCLUSION. DON’T MAKE A DOCTRINAL CONVICTION OUT OF ONE VERSE IF YOU DO NOT KNOW ITS CONTEXT!**

1st Corinthians 15: 20 “But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.”

III. IT IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO BELIEVE AND EMBRACE THE WHOLE COUNSEL OF GOD. SPECIFIC EVENTS WILL NOT MAKE SENSE TO YOU UNTIL YOUR SPIRITUAL HEART EMBRACES THE LORD AND HIS ENTIRE PLAN. (Luke 24:35-53)

- A. Jesus says it is foolish to not believe the Older Testament Scriptures and all they teach about his death, burial, and resurrection. How can you believe what you refuse to study and learn from? (Luke 24:25-27)
- B. You can have as much access to the Lord Jesus as you desire. If you do not want Him around, He will “keep it moving!” (Luke 24: 28-31)
- C. Your spiritual heart should “burn” with excitement and joy as you learn about the Lord. Have you settled for heartburn? (Luke 24: 32-35)
- D. The Lord Jesus will reveal Himself to you and fellowship with you as you believe the Gospel (who He is, what He has done for you, why He did it, and why He has been resurrected!) Luke 24: 36-44)
- E. If you are a believer, you have been empowered by His Presence to witness for Him, and to worship Him by conviction, consistently and continually. (Luke 24:45-53)

**THE LORD JESUS IS THE ONLY PERSON THAT YOU CAN NEVER TALK ABOUT
B_____H_____B_____! HE IS ALWAYS PRESENT, WATCHING AND LISTENING, SO
MAKE SURE YOUR “WALK AND YOUR TALK” BRING HIM GLORY!**

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