

What Should These Disciples Have Learned? ①

Luke 24: 44-53, 46-48

Intro. A Jesus ^{was} crucified immediately after Passover.

1. He had observed it with His disciples.
2. He left it and went to the Garden.
3. In the garden He was betrayed + arrested.
4. He was judged and then crucified.

B Jesus was then Resurrected.

1. This was after His Priestly work.
2. He also freed the souls in Sheol and led them on high. Eph. 4: 8-10.

C Jesus remained on the earth until the feast of Pentecost.

1. This was fifty days after Passover.
2. This brief period of time, some 47 days, was a time of teaching, comforting and sending.

I. Jesus Taught Them From The Old Testament.

A Jesus rebuked them for being slow learners.

1. vs. 25

2. vs. 26

B He became a hermeneutics teacher.

1. vs. 27

2. "expounded" = διερμηνεύω = "to interpret fully", "to thoroughly explain".

B. He opened their eyes to understand the Bible. (2)

Vs. 45 1. "understanding" = νοῦς = "the organ of mental perception and apprehension", "the organ of reflective consciousness preceding the act, or recognising and judging the fact", "the organ of thinking and knowledge".

2. "Scriptures" = γραφή = "that which is written"

C. Can we depend upon this "opening power" today?

1. Jesus promised it. John 16:5-15

2. He opened Lydia's heart. Acts 16:14

3. Eph. 1:17-19

4. Paul had God's promise. Acts 26:14-18

5. The truth of the Scriptures plus the power of the Holy Spirit was and is God's plan to save man, and serve God.

6. God will not open the understanding of those who are hostile to or uninterested in His truths.

IV. The Crucifixion And Resurrection Of Jesus Were Not His Will OR His Plan.

Vs. 46 A. "... Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: "

1. It was written that Christ must suffer and rise from the dead on the third day.

(Isa. 53:1-12, Jonah, Matt. 12:39, Luke 11:29)

2. "behoved" = δεῖ with Acc. "it is binding on one to do it", "one must", "under obligation".

3. Luke 23:41-43, Mark 14:36

B. The other imperative of God's will.

Vs. 47 1. "repentance" = μετανοία = "change of mind" Not merely pain of mind, the change is from bad to good.

2. ἀφεσις = dismissal, setting free, total forgiveness excluding all ideas of punishment.

endued with power from on high".

"endued" = Pass. ἐνδύω = "to be clothed".

"power" = δύναμις = "ability to perform anything"

1. I COR. 12:1, 7-11

2. Each of these for the profit of God's work.

C. The ascension of Jesus.

Vs. 51 1. "while he blessed them".

"Bless" = εὐλογεῖν = "to speak well of", "praise", "confer happiness".

2. "and carried up into heaven".

D. The church begins its work.

Vs. 52 1. "worshipped" = προσκυνέω = to prostrate one's self, to do reverence or homage to anyone".

2. "... and returned to Jerusalem".

Vs. 53 3. They went to the temple. (It was now an empty building awaiting its destruction. They were yet ignorant and expecting the kingdom to come at any time.

VI. Lessons That We Should Learn.

A. Jesus recognized the scriptures only as the source of spiritual instruction.

1. To these it was the O.T. He never quoted from the Rabbis as being authoritative.

2. Now we have both the O.T. + N.T.

B. God has a plan.

1. It was submitted to by Jesus.

2. It was God's plan of witnessing.

3. The plan of preaching Jesus.

4. It is now God's plan.