

# ***Bible Study Questions***

## ***THE ROAD TO WISDOM***



### ***Luke 24:13-35***

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There are so many things that attract us in this world that we need a miracle to have us really believe in Jesus Christ. At least this is what I heard many people say to me.

- They are lonely. I say Jesus can make you forget your loneliness. You can begin to be concerned about other people.
- They are hopeless. A big disaster happened in their life. Jesus can bring meaning and hope in your life.
- They are insecure. Lots of unpredictables. I tell them that Jesus can make them very secure. People are afraid of death and beyond. I tell them Jesus can bring eternal life. They can't change. They think they have too much to lose.

We all go through different stages in our thinking about the Lord Jesus Christ. This is natural. I think we all can understand this. The problem is, though, if we stop at one of the earlier stages and don't go on. Let's see the stages these 2 went through in this passage.

#### **A. The Questioning (24:13-24)**

The timing, the place, the events are very important, but incomprehensible. How are we to sort through the basic facts? It's like a bad detective story which ends and the thief was never caught. The villain was never put in jail.

1. Where were the two coming from? Where were they going? How far was it?
2. What day did they leave? What time?
3. What is it that they were talking about as they traveled (14)?
4. What were they feeling (17)?
5. Who did they meet on the way? Why didn't they recognize Him? What did He say to them?
6. Why were they surprised that He said, "What things?" in verse 19.
7. What were they specifically talking about?
8. Jesus the Nazarene was a mighty prophet.
9. He proved this through what He did and said both in the sight of God and man.
10. Chief priests and rulers delivered Him up. Sentenced to death and crucified.
11. What is the key word in verse 21 as to their sadness? Can you explain this hope?
12. What actually happened that very morning (21-24)?

We all go through those times when we understand what happened but not why it happened. It's hard to tell. We cannot grasp it. Our hearts are dismayed. We shouldn't be surprised when we or others are going through these times. We can, as Jesus did, patiently listen to their distressful story.

If we are at this spot in our lives, we need to move on. Questions and doubts will only bring us down further. We need understanding why it is such and such a way.

## **B. The Hearing (24:25-27)**

It's good things are explained to us. Sometimes it takes a long time for the truth to sink in. Other things, maybe not so important, but important to us, are on our minds. We don't really think through the implications of the message of God. Let's see how Jesus explained these puzzling things.

1. What did Jesus say about their hearts?
2. Where did He say it was already declared? It's all past history.
3. What does Jesus say as the reason behind the madness?
4. How did Jesus explain this suffering and glory?
5. What verses do you know that either talk about His suffering or glory? (cf. Is 52:10-53).

### **Application**

We can have enough knowledge to confuse us. Jesus wanted them to have a sufficient understanding so they could understand the whole scheme of things. Instead of doubting God has things under control, they will praise Him for His great and wonderful ways! We need to look to Scripture to get both a knowledge of what has happened but also an understanding why it happened.

6. \*Why did Jesus have to suffer? Why did He have to die?
7. \*Why is His resurrection so important?

## **C. The Seeing (24:28-32)**

Knowledge isn't enough. Actually even understanding doesn't always help. Sometimes we know it but don't believe it. This is why Jesus challenged them to being slow of faith. That is what we need. Faith. We don't see it with our eyes. Let's see what happened to them.

1. 1. What happened when they reached the town of Emmaus, their destination (24)?
2. 2. What did Jesus do in verse 30 that was unusual as a guest?
3. 3. What incident do you think it reminded them of?
4. 4. What happened once they knew it was Jesus? What did they then say?

### **Application**

5. How do we go from that step of knowledge understanding to belief?
6. How can we encourage others to take that step?
7. What is the difference between those who have that faith and those who don't?
8. What encouraged you to take that step?

They heard it but the truth didn't dawn on them until something happened. I wonder whether we have had something happen in our lives that all of a sudden made alive all the things we had heard for so long. All of a sudden our questions are answered. Those distracting thoughts are scattered. It's just like God speaking to us. We all need times like these, at least

one big one, where God meets us or we will never really grasp what Christ was really talking about.

## **D. The Sharing (24:33–35)**

This is the most exciting part when we see the change in their lives. They knew Jesus died but something was different. Jesus came alive again. He is no longer dead. And because He is living I now understand why He needed to die. IT makes sense. but notice their responses.

1. How did they respond in their new-found faith (33)?
2. Where did they go? Why do you think they returned there?
3. What did those who were there say?
4. What happened after that?

### **Application Real faith cannot be kept silent.**

5. Why is it important to share with others of your belief?
6. How does it help us to hear of other people's experience?
7. What would be the difference in this story if they didn't go back?
8. What difference will it make if we don't share in our individual and corporate lives?