

Love Came Down

Christ in All of Scripture — Luke 24:13-35

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MAIN POINT: Seeing Christ in all of Scripture leads us out of confusion into greater clarity resulting in a deeper affection for our Triune God and his Word.

THE KING CONCEALED IN CONFUSION (vv. 13-24)

- Cleopas and his fellow traveler are met by the resurrected Jesus on the road to Emmaus.
 - The two disciples were kept from seeing Jesus as he was (v. 16).
 - The two disciples misunderstood the prophetic witness of the coming Messiah (vv. 19-21).
 - The two disciples did not believe the testimony of the resurrection (vv. 22-24).

THE KING REVEALED IN REVELATION (vv. 25-31)

- The resurrected Jesus reveals himself to Cleopas and his fellow traveler in the testimony of Scripture and the breaking of bread.
 - Moses (i.e. the Torah), the Prophets, and the Psalms (i.e. the Writings [v. 44]) all testify to the life, death, and resurrection of the coming Messiah (vv. 26-27; cf. John 5:37b-40; Acts 3:18; 10:43; 13:27; 1 Pet. 1:10-12).
 - Jesus Christ, as the second Adam, brings about a New Creation and gives better eyesight (vv. 30-31; cf. Gen. 3:6-7).

THE KING'S PEOPLE'S AFFECTIONS SET ABLAZE (vv. 32-35)

- Through the revelation of Christ the King in the breaking of bread, Cleopas and his fellow traveler are brought out of mourning into joy (vv. 19-24, 33-35).
- Through the revelation of Christ the King in all of Scripture, Cleopas and his fellow traveler have their hearts set ablaze (v. 32).

Suggested Reading:

Christ from Beginning to End by Stephen Wellum and Trent Hunter

What Is Biblical Theology by James Hamilton

Biblical Theology by Nick Roark and Robert Cline

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please read Luke 24:13-35

1. In what ways does our remembrance of the first advent of Jesus produce anticipation in us for his second advent? Do you find it hard to hold the two together?
2. In light of the misunderstanding of the coming of the Messiah shown by the two disciples, what ways are we today prone to misunderstanding the person and work of Jesus?
3. Are there any areas in your life that you might also hear the rebuke, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe..."? Remember, for the two disciples it was all that the Old Testament witnessed to; for us it is both the Old and New Testaments.
4. Is the concept of Christ-centered interpretation new to you? Take some time to discuss this interpretative principle and how we can appropriately see Christ as the goal of all of Scripture.
5. How will you prioritize Scripture reading and prayer over this next year? Get specific!
6. Feelings are fleeting, but they are not unimportant. How have you experienced a growing affection for Christ through reading Scripture? How might we seek to grow our affections through the study of Scripture without falling into emotionalism?