

Group Study Outline

Luke 24:13-35, 44-49 Theme Sentence

The risen Jesus explains that the whole Bible is about Him dying and rising to bring a message of forgiveness for the whole world.

Launch Question

If you had to sum up the message of the Bible in one sentence, what would you say? Or at least, what ideas would you want to make sure got mentioned?

READ Luke 24:13-35, 44-49

Describe the scene with the three men walking down the road. Who's who? What's so strange about the third man with them? Jesus asks what they're talking about. "What things" are they discussing?

How do they describe what Jesus had been doing?

What were their hopes about Him? (21)

What's the big story behind their desire to find "the one to redeem Israel"?

Why do they seem to be unsure about Jesus being "the one" now?

What do you think they made of these claims about Jesus being alive?

Put yourself in their shoes: how would you have felt if the one you'd thought was the rescuer had just been murdered?

How does Jesus address their uncertainty about these events?

What does He say is their problem?

How does He convince them it's all true? (27)

What does Jesus say the Bible tells us about "the Christ"? (26)

Isn't Jesus being a little harsh on them? Is it really that obvious from the Old Testament that He should suffer *then* rise to glory?

When did they realise who they'd been speaking to? (30-31, 35)

Is there any significance in this, do you think?

After Jesus disappeared, the two men go and tell the others, only to have Jesus show up again!

What does Jesus claim in 44?

What does it mean for them to have had their minds opened about the Scriptures? What are the key things they now understood?

What does this tell us about when we read the Bible and *don't* link it to Jesus?

How does John 5:39-40 relate to this?

Where does evangelism fit into the whole Bible being about Jesus? (47)

Summing up & applying it

In 32, how do the men describe what it felt like to have this Bible lesson from Jesus? Can we associate with this same kind of 'spiritual heartburn'?

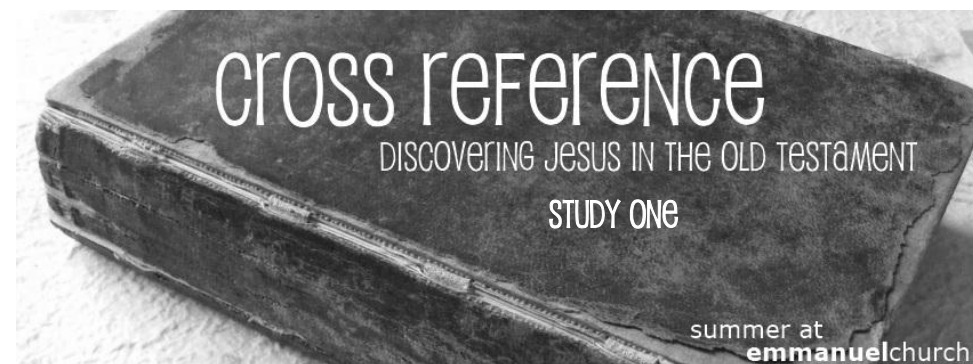
What should we be hoping for as we go through this series of discovering Jesus in the Old Testament?

How should this impact how we read the Bible all the time?

The disciples should have been rejoicing that Easter day! Why should we too?

PRAY

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It's all about Jesus

There are some films, like *The Sixth Sense*, where you get to the end and think, "I need to watch that again!" There's a plot twist or a character revelation which changes the way we understand the whole thing. Something like this happens in the Bible.

It would be possible to read the Bible, study it closely even, and get the wrong end of the stick. Many in Jesus' day had done just that. But then Jesus arrives on the scene and tells us that the Old Testament has all been about Him. He is the hero promised there, but He is also the main character; the God of Israel Himself. Staggering stuff.

In this series of sermons and midweek Bible studies, we hope to discover more about how the whole Bible is a story about Jesus. Our aim is to see more about Him, who He is and what He came to do, especially in His work on the cross, so that we would know, love and serve Him more.

The road to Emmaus

We're starting our tour of the Old Testament in the New Testament! Jesus has died and His disciples think it's all over. But little do they know, He's alive again! If only they'd read their Bibles more carefully, they'd have seen this coming. Jesus explains how a dying and rising saviour bringing a message of forgiveness for the world is exactly where the Old Testament was pointing...

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Application

- Understand that the whole Bible is about Jesus.
- Rejoice in our dying and rising redeemer.
- Aim to take this message out to the world.