

Jesus Lived and Died for the Gospel

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Open: How was the Gospel shared with you?

Read & Discuss: Luke 24:24-27; 44-49

1. What do you think Jesus meant by saying that everything written about Him in the Old Testament “must be fulfilled” (v. 44)? What common truths are shared in both of these passages (vv. 24-27 and vv. 44-49)? Why would such words have been an encouragement to Jesus’ disciples, who had just seen Him crucified?
2. In both passages Jesus said that Moses and the Prophets referred to Him. What Old Testament passages about Jesus do you recall? How do those passages expand your appreciation of Jesus? *(If you’d like to know more about seeing Jesus in the Old Testament, join us for our upcoming Adult Sunday School class “Jesus on Every Page,” which begins January 27 at 9:45am.)*
3. In verses 47-48, what actions does Jesus indicate that He expects of His followers? According to verses 46-47, what truths are critical to include in our presentation of the Gospel? Can you think of any additional truths about Jesus that we should make known?
4. Often when the Gospel is first presented, it is described as a simple choice of repentance and faith in Jesus for the forgiveness of sins (v. 47). How has your understanding and appreciation of the Gospel deepened over time? How do these additional insights into the Gospel give you more ways to speak to others about the Gospel?
5. Christ says that the Gospel “should be proclaimed in his name to all nations” (v. 47). Would you say this mission is something that all believers should be committed to, or only those who feel called to go to other people groups? How does this understanding impact your life?
6. What “promise” and “power” is Jesus referring to verse 49? How have you experienced this power in your efforts to share the Gospel?

Apply: What practical steps could you take that would help you feel more equipped to share the Gospel and participate in proclaiming His name to all nations?

Pray: Pray for continued growth in our understanding of the Gospel. Pray for God to open doors for each of us to share the Gospel—and for God to give us courage to walk through those doors.

Luke 24:24-27

²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." ²⁵ And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. (ESV)

Luke 24:44-49

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." (ESV)