Cleopas' Question

Tony Mauck · Luke 24:13–35

INTRODUCTION

- Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem and unaware of the things which have happened here in these days?
- Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into his glory?
- Be careful when you read commentaries or particularly when you're watching Hollywood movies. And always measure those things in light of what the scriptures say.

1 All Palestine Was in a Frenzy

Mark 1:45; Acts 26:26; Acts 17:6

- The Bible presents that there was a public frenzy over the meaning of Jesus' life and the events surrounding his death.
- The tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. They've never seen anything like this in their history.
- This thing has not been done in a corner. It's on display for all to see.
- This message of Jesus was rocking the world. It was the topic of conversation.

2 The Purpose of the Crucifixion

1 John 2:2; Romans 3:26

- I think this may be the most notable aspect missing in the movie has to do with the purpose of the crucifixion itself.
- What stands central at the message of the cross is the necessity of Jesus' death for our sin.
- Jesus was the propitiation for our sins.
- Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
- The death of a sinless lamb paid the price for our redemption.

3 God Has Some Very Real Expectations

Luke 14:26–27

- Let me tell you what the cross says. There's something else involved in this equation. It says that sin is horrific.
- But God has some very real expectations that deal with the very reason why Jesus dies on the cross.
- We must carry our crosses to be his disciples. And love him foremost, even above our own lives.
- We must run counter to culture to follow Jesus, and that may mean adversaries and opposition.

4 Blessed Are Those Who Have Not Seen

1 Corinthians 15:6

- Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.
- 500 at once see the resurrected Jesus. And many of them remain until now, Paul says in 1 Corinthians 15.
- Not everybody gets to be a personal eyewitness to the resurrection.
- But sufficient evidence, sufficient eyewitness testimony is provided so that everyone and all future generations should believe.
- These things are written that you might believe.

5 The Faith That Saves

Matthew 25:41; James 2:26

- But the greater goal should be to engender saving belief. Not just a belief that Jesus was raised from the dead, because that alone is insufficient.
- The devil believes in the resurrection. The devil believes the Bible is the word of God.
- That's the point James is making in James chapter 2 is that faith must go further than that.
- The faith that saves embraces everything that Jesus was about.
- It embraces what he teaches about morality. It embraces what he teaches about the way of living the cross in our own lives.

THE CHALLENGE

And if you can embrace that message, and if you can dedicate yourself to the doing of the will of God in your life, you are indeed blessed.

MY NOTES