

First, does anything in this passage point directly to Jesus?

There are a few places where the Old Testament speaks directly about the coming Messiah (ex. [Gen. 49:10-12](#); [Isa. 9:6](#); [Mic. 5:2](#)). Of course, direct prophecies of Jesus do not occur in every passage, but you will find them sprinkled throughout the Old Testament.

Second, does anything in this passage foreshadow or anticipate Jesus?

In addition to direct prophecies, the Old Testament foreshadows Jesus in subtle, indirect ways. For example, knowing that the Gospel of Matthew begins by identifying Jesus as “the Son of David” and “the Son of Abraham” ([Matt. 1:1](#)), we can look for ways that events in the lives of David and Abraham anticipate who Jesus is and what Jesus will do.

Third, how does the gospel of Jesus shape my understanding of this passage?

The Old Testament is full of wise sayings, principles, and commands. The apostle Paul makes it clear that these still have relevance for us as followers of Jesus Christ. But we can only understand *how* these wise sayings, principles, and commands apply to us and life properly when we read them through the lens of Jesus’ life and teaching. He came to bring the Old Testament to its complete expression ([Matt. 5:17](#)).

Voices from Church History

***“Cut the Bible anywhere and it will bleed. The blood of Jesus stains every page.”
–Adrian Rogers (1931-2005)***

Then, once we figure out how an Old Testament command or principle applies to us, we can only carry it out in the power of the gospel. Yes, the good news that Jesus died and rose again shapes and empowers our obedience (see [2 Cor. 3:17-18](#); [Gal. 2:14](#); [Phil. 1:27](#); [2:12-13](#)).

- ***What would you say to someone who argues that the Old Testament Scriptures are no longer relevant for believers today since we are no longer under the Old Covenant?***
- ***Can you think of an Old Testament law or command that can provide training or correction for us today when we understand it in light of Jesus’ life and teaching?***

3. The Risen King Makes Himself Known to His People ([Luke 24:28-35](#)).

So, it was for the two disciples. The Man whose explanation of Scripture set their hearts ablaze turned out to be their risen King! God was the One who revealed to them the risen Christ. And God still does this today.

- **How does the Holy Spirit use the Word of God to reveal Jesus to us today?**
- **What role do God's people have in interpreting and understanding God's Word?**

As suddenly as Jesus' identity was revealed, He vanished from their sight. Note how these disciples quickly went to share the good news of Jesus' resurrection. An encounter with Jesus is not meant to be kept secret. It leads to mission. When Jesus reveals Himself to us, He expects us to spread His glory and fame through our witness to others.

- Why was it natural for these two disciples to share the news of Jesus' resurrection?

Conclusion

Voices from the Church

"The Bible unveils Jesus Christ as the focal point of human history. All creation exists by Him, through Him, to Him, and for Him. Our Bible study should exist for Him too."

—Trevin Wax

The mission God has given to us is not to present the Bible as a book of virtues or as a moral improvement program. Rather, our mission is to introduce people to the risen King who has come to redeem, restore, and reconcile people to God.