

Jesus is the prophet greater than Moses Notes

Luk 24:13 And, behold, two of them were going on the same day to a village being sixty stadia (about 7 miles) distant from Jerusalem, which was named Emmaus.

14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened.

15 So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them.

16 But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him.

17 And He said to them, “What kind of conversation *is* this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?”

18 Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, “Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?”

19 And He said to them, “What things?”

So they said to Him, “The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,

20 and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him.

21 But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened.

22 Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us.

23 When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive.

24 And certain 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 Then He said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!

26 Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?”

27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

1. We don't know exactly what Jesus taught His two disciples on the road to Emmaus, but we can reasonably infer—since all Scripture is one integrated account and Jesus mentioned specific books.
2. The 39 books of the OT come in many different genres and were written to distinct audiences yet each and every book plays a vital role in presenting and explaining God's single, cohesive plan of redemption.
3. Every book points to Jesus, I would argue, Jesus can be found on every page of the bible as well.

The Old Testament clearly predicts the coming of Messiah but does not explicitly teach two distinct comings. The information God revealed about the Messiah grew bit by bit as God introduced more information and by revealing His plan more and more over time.

What I mean is:

- Abraham knew more about God's plan of salvation than Noah.
- David knew more than Abraham.
- The prophets knew more than David.
- And finally, the NT apostles knew more than the prophets.
- And the apostles after the resurrection of Jesus knew more than they did before the resurrection as the indwelling of the Holy Spirit opened their eyes to scripture so that they understood many things they hadn't previously perceived or understood.

Jesus Himself gave the divine plan to everyone during His Sermon on the Mount: Mat 5:17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

So, on the road to Emmaus Jesus meets up with Cleopas and another of His disciples, and beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He explained using the Old Testament Scriptures how He fulfilled the Law and the Prophets, showing their true meaning, and showed that their purpose was completed in Him.

- Twice now when talking about the 2 men traveling the road to Emmaus, I have called them disciples Luke 24:9 the women returning from the tomb and they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.
- Then v:13, it says behold, two of them were going to a village named Emmaus,
- in v:22 and certain women of our company and
- v:25 those *who were* with us went to the tomb and found *it* just as the women had said.
- So, we can determine these 2 were disciples that knew Jesus personally.

So, starting with the books of Moses let's see how Jesus fulfilled the Law:

Genesis chapter 1 Moses tells us in the beginning God created, but John 1:1-3 tells us:

John 1:1-3 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made.

Jesus made everything for humanity to dwell and thrive with Him.

In Genesis 3 Jesus may have recounted humanity's fall: pointing out after Adam and Eve disobeyed God, He confronts them and the serpent, pronounces curses—condemning the serpent to crawl in the dust—and foretells that the deliverer will come from Eve, though bruised by the serpent, He will ultimately crush him.

Jesus may have wanted to remind them it was God who chose the family lineage for the coming Savior: Abraham, his son Isaac, and Abraham's grandson Jacob (Israel).

Genesis 12:3 Jesus may have talked about when God told Abraham, "I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you **all** the families of the earth shall be blessed."

And how God made a solemn, unconditional covenant with Abraham; Genesis 15:17–18 unconditional because God knew Abraham could not fulfill the obligations of the covenant. Instead, God made Abraham a witness—while Abraham slept, the Father and the pre-incarnate Christ, completed the covenant by passing between the divided sacrifice as a smoking firepot and a flaming torch, signifying that God alone is bound to keep the covenant.

Moving into the book of Exodus —when Egypt had forgot what Joseph had done for them and began brutally oppressing the Israelites—enslaving them, yet Israel continued to thrive and multiply; fearing their growth, the Egyptians began killing male Israelite babies until the descendants of Abraham, the heirs of God's promises, cried out to God for help.

And how after Pharaoh was persuaded to let the Israelites go, they partook in their first Passover meal, before Moses led them out of Egypt the next afternoon.

Possibly reminding them when the Mosaic Law was established, it was a conditional covenant: God promised blessings for obedience and consequences for disobedience, and all the people, committed themselves and the following generations to upholding that covenant.

In the book of Leviticus — Jesus may have pointed out when Moses received the design of the Tabernacle; that it pointed to Him, He is our High Priest, He removed the Veil separating us from the Father, the Table of showbread reminds us Jesus is the Bread of Life, the Candle stick that illuminated the tent foreshadowed Jesus as the Light of the World, the Altar of Incense for Jesus' prayers & Intercession for us and He is the sacrifice on the altar for sin.

As they listened— Jesus may have explained to the 2 disciples in the book of Numbers 20 when the Israelites found a reason to complain about not having water for them or their animals, Jesus was the rock smitten by Moses that gave living water to all.

- 1Co 10:4 we read all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.
- If you recall in John 4:10 The Samaritan woman at the well how Jesus answered her,

John 4:10 "If you only knew what God gives and who it is that is asking you for a drink, you would ask him, and he would give you life-giving water." 14 whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

And in Numbers 21: after the spies report: they murmured against Moses for bringing them into the wilderness. They blamed Moses their doubting God their sin and that caused them to be there.

- As judgment, God sent poisonous serpents into the camp, and people began to die.
- They came to Moses to confess their sin and ask for God's mercy.
- When God instructed Moses to make a bronze serpent and put it on a pole so the people could be healed.

✠ The bronze serpent lifted on a pole was foreshadowing of His crucifixion, and Jesus may have reminded them of what He said to them in John 3:14 as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

In Deuteronomy 18:15–19: Jesus may have reminded them about God's promise to raise up a prophet "like Moses," to whom the people must listen.

✠ possibly bringing to mind the belief of Philip when he found Nathanael John 1:45 and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

✠ Possibly reminding them what Moses said:

Act 3:22 'The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you. 23 And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people.'

The original word for people *lah-os'* differs from 1's ethnicity or populace this verse can be understood to say Anyone who does not obey that prophet shall be separated from God's people and destroyed.

☒ Ruth — although not a prophet I want to give a shout out to the Moabite gentile Ruth that is redeemed showing us Jesus is our kinsman redeemer.

1 & 2 Samuel — Jesus may have made the point He is our anointed shepherd King: heir to David's throne that will rule forever, and help them recall the Genealogy of Jesus Christ found in Matthew chapter 1 that was passed down from generation to generation.

When Jesus brought them to the book of Isaiah — He may have opened their eyes to the entire 53rd Chapter: The most explicit prophecy of the "Suffering Servant" who was pierced for transgressions, bore the sins of many, and was killed, yet would prolong his days speaking of resurrection.

And how Isaiah

Isaiah 50:6-7 I gave My back to those who struck *Me*, And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting. 7 "For the Lord God will help Me; Therefore I will not be disgraced; Therefore I have set My face like a flint, And I know that I will not be ashamed. NKJV

Jesus may have mentioned Zechariah 12:10 : "They will look on Me, the One they have pierced..."

Or even helped them to understand what was happening as they were speaking on the road reminding them of Zechariah 13:7 that says: "Strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered".

Or even how Jonah 1:17 : Jesus used Jonah in the fish for three days and three nights, as a picture of Jesus' time in the tomb.

If Jesus opened the Psalms, while on the road to Emmaus He may have helped them to understand how the OT foretells of His suffering and death using all of Psalms 22: as it Describes crucifixion in detail and quotes Him saying "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" It explained the piercing of hands/feet, and casting lots for His garments.

Maybe He pointed out how Psalm 69:21 : prophesied being given vinegar to drink.

Or how Psalm 110:1: quotes "The Lord says to my Lord: 'Sit at my right hand...'," showing the Messiah is both David's son and David's Lord, because suddenly it was possible to understand the meanings of scriptures like this more clearly and they would know suffering was not the end, but a path to redemption.

Maybe Jesus simply incorporated prophecies from all the prophets putting them in order from His birth to His Death.

Because almost 1,500 years after the first Passover in Egypt, Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey prophesied by Zechariah 9:9, on the 10th of Nisan the exact date given by Daniel 9

That the crowds who were in Jerusalem to celebrate Passover met him with palm branches shouting: “Hosanna! (Save now!) Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” from Psalm 118:19–27.

Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road an act reserved for kings and conquerors 2 Kings 9:13.

But Jesus wasn't there as the conquering King — to destroy all wickedness and judge the nations, and restore the kingdom to Israel... why?

The answer lies in the condition of the human heart. As Jeremiah 17:9 tells us: “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?”

If Jesus had come the first time in all His power and glory to remove wickedness from the earth, all of humanity would have been destroyed. That was not God's plan.

We all know John 3:16 but it is John 3:17 that tells us God's plan:

John 3:17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Jesus knew that night would be His final Passover on earth and longed to share it with His disciples he told them Luke 22:15 “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.

Communion visibly expresses our love and fellowship with Christ, remembers the hope secured by His sacrifice, and anticipates the feast with Him in His kingdom.

Luke 22:19 And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Luk 22:20 And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood, for many, for the forgiveness of sins.

After the Passover meal that night and into the next day Jesus suffered:

- betrayal,
- persecution,
- many false accusations
- three formal Jewish trials
- three formal Roman trials all 6 trials were illegal according to each of their laws that governed their legal systems.
- Jesus was beaten,
- flogged
- and made fun of
- He watched as Barabbas — a murder was set free (a type of scape goat)

And the only time He spoke it would ensure He would make it to the cross, so our life would be spared.

All this took place before the most brutal, excruciating death man could come up with at the time.

The result of His work

Jesus is the Passover Lamb who frees believers from the bondage of sin and secured our redemption through His blood.

1Pe 1:18 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

And that repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all nations Isa 49:6 says I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Luke 24:30 When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them.

Luke 24:31 And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight.

Luke 24:32 They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?”

Luke 24:33 And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together,

Luke 24:34 saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!”

Luke 24:35 Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.