

Luke 24:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

Jesus teaches the Emmaus disciples: 'And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself' (καὶ ἀρξάμενος ἀπὸ Μωϋσέως καὶ ἀπὸ πάντων τῶν προφητῶν διερμήνευσεν αὐτοῖς ἐν πάσαις ταῖς γραφαῖς τὰ περὶ ἑαυτοῦ). The verb 'diermēneuō' (διερμήνευσεν, expounded/interpreted) means to explain thoroughly. Jesus demonstrates that all Scripture (Moses and the Prophets = the entire Old Testament) points to Him. This establishes the Christocentric hermeneutic: the Bible's central subject is Christ and His redemptive work. From Genesis 3:15 through Malachi 4:2, the Old Testament anticipates and prepares for Jesus.

Historical Context

The Emmaus road conversation occurred resurrection day (v.13), before Jesus' appearance to the eleven. The two disciples were despondent over Jesus' crucifixion, not yet having heard resurrection reports (vv.19-24). Jesus' explanation of Scripture transformed their understanding—what seemed like Messiah's defeat was actually redemptive plan fulfillment. This teaching became foundational for apostolic preaching (Acts 2:22-36, 3:18-26, 8:32-35) and New Testament interpretation of Old Testament. Jesus revealed Himself through Scripture before revealing Himself personally (v.31).

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does Jesus' comprehensive teaching from all Scripture shape how Christians should read and interpret the Old Testament?
2. What would change in your Bible reading if you consciously looked for Christ in every passage?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 7:14 (Parallel theme): Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Luke 24:44 (Word): And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

Deuteronomy 18:15 (Prophecy): The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;

Zechariah 9:9 (Parallel theme): Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

Acts 10:43 (Prophecy): To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

John 1:45 (Word): Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

John 5:39 (Word): Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

Genesis 22:18 (Parallel theme): And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

Isaiah 50:6 (Parallel theme): I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.

Zechariah 13:7 (Word): Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones.