

Lesson No. (34)

Christ Appears to the Two Disciples of Emmaus

References

Luke 24.

Notes for Servants

- ★ The Lord Christ paved the way for His appearance to His disciples as He did not desire to appear to them suddenly, for this might have been dangerous to their minds. In the same way, it is dangerous for our minds to imagine the far fetched facts of the Kingdom of God. That is why we cannot know everything about the Kingdom of God.
- ★ Christ's words inflame our hearts with love. The more you contemplate the word of God, the more your heart will be filled with Joy and delight.

Objectives

General: Resurrection is an established fact.

Specific:

The children will be able to ...

- A. see that the two disciples did not know Jesus before he gave them to eat. We also do not know Jesus without communion.
- B. understand that Christ is risen and he is in heaven now.

Bible Verse

“Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself”

(Luke 24:39)

Teaching Aids

Video.

Instruction

- (1) Review last week's lesson.
- (2) Who remembers the verse?
- (3) Remind the children about the church occasions for the coming week.
- (4) Teacher should prepare the appropriate questions to emphasize the objectives during the lesson.

Story Time

Mark: Asked sadly: Cleopas, are we approaching Emmaus? We have covered half the way to Emmaus, there is still a distance of six kilometres before us, my friend.

Cleopas: I'll be very happy when we depart from Jerusalem - The recent sad events that took place

in the city effect me greatly. Right you are, Mark. My heart, nerves and soul are all perplexed and confused. I hate injustice and I cannot endure cruelty. The Jews treated the man severely and the man is innocent and never did evil. I don't know why they treated Him that way. These people are not grateful. He healed their sick and brought their dead back to life. He taught them, but they were very cruel to Him. They envied Him because their hearts were filled with Jealousy and wickedness. I want to forget all that I saw for a moment. But can any man forget the events of the crucifixion and the innocent man suffering on the cross?

Mark: You are right Cleopas. It is difficult to forget the Roman soldiers when they nailed His hands to the cross. His voice choked and his eyes filled with tears.

(While he was drying his tears, he heard a voice behind him saying: "Peace be to you, friend... I am a traveller and I heard you speaking about Jerusalem and you look sad. What has happened in Jerusalem? The two men looked at him in astonishment.)

Cleopas: "Peace be to you friend. It seems that you are a stranger, so you haven't heard of what has happened in Jerusalem."

Jesus: What has happened in Jerusalem?

Mark: Haven't you heard about Jesus of Nazareth who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all people?

Jesus: What happened to Jesus of Nazareth?

Cleopas: The chief priests crucified Him and we hoped that He would rescue our nation.

Mark shouted in amazement: "Some women and some disciples said some strange words which we could not believe." The stranger asked with interest: "What were those strange words?"

"They said that He rose from the dead and that they saw two angels dressed in white near the tomb... These words cannot be believed. It must be an imaginary story." The stranger interrupted him saying: "My friend... Why don't you try to understand what the prophets said? Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into His glory?" While they were speaking, Mark said, "Is this Emmaus, Cleopas? I can see some of the village houses from here." The stranger acted as if he was going farther, but they held him back saying, "Stay with us; the day is almost over and it is getting dark." So he went to stay with them and thanked them for their hospitality. The family prepared supper and offered food to the three men. The stranger sat at the table with them, took the bread, and said the blessing. Then he broke the bread and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened and they recognized him. He was Jesus, but He disappeared from their sight. Mark looked at Cleopas and tears of amazement were in his eyes... "My heart was beating quickly when He was speaking about the Scriptures and the prophets. Did you have the same feeling?" "Yes, Yes, I felt that my heart was burning within me."

The two men hurried back to Jerusalem where they found eleven disciples gathered together with the others, and said: "The Lord is risen indeed. Mark and I saw Him, we walked with Him on the road and spoke with Him."

Discussion

- 1 - Follow up the story by talking about it with the children.
- 2 - Continue the discussion while they do the activity.

Learning Activities

Activity Sheet.