



# LUKE

24:13 - 49

Luke 1:3-4

"...since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, it seemed good also to me to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught."

# THE GIFT:

Jesus is constantly working to give you the courage to believe what we must obey.

# TO BELIEVE AND OBEY

## To Believe: (truths we *need*)

1. Spiritual confusion is self-inflicted
2. Jesus affirms the OT witness
3. The OT witness matters
4. Gospel commission is central

## To Obey: (needs he *truths*)

1. Jesus is interested in ordinary disciples
2. Jesus is leading us toward each other
3. Spiritual foolishness can be escaped
4. Jesus wants an opened mind and a burning heart

# 1. JESUS IS WORKING TO GIVE YOU THE COURAGE TO BELIEVE

*Truths we need.*

Look at the state of their hearts and minds.

Now...look at yours.

**THE COURAGE TO BELIEVE**

**OUR CONFUSION IS SELF-INFLICTED**

"I told you..." verses 6 and 44

"It's there in the scriptures..." verses 25, 44

# THE COURAGE TO BELIEVE

## JESUS AFFIRMS THE OLD TESTAMENT WITNESS

Explicit: Matthew 5:18, Luke 16:17

Indirect: He assumes they hold the accurate revelation of the Messiah.

**THE COURAGE TO BELIEVE**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT WITNESS IS IMPORTANT**

It corroborates the eyewitnesses  
as additional evidence they  
could not have tampered with.



# THE COURAGE TO BELIEVE

**THE GOSPEL COMMISSION IS A CENTRAL TO THE KINGDOM AS THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF GOD'S CHRIST**

Isaiah 49:6 "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."

**2. JESUS IS CONSTANTLY WORKING TO  
GIVE YOU THE COURAGE TO OBEY.**

**Needs he *truths*.**

# THE COURAGE TO OBEY

**JESUS IS INTERESTED IN HIS SCATTERED,  
NO-NAME PEOPLE.**

Why is the key story about two  
nobody disciples and women?

# THE COURAGE TO OBEY

**JESUS IS GUIDING US TOWARD EACH OTHER AS  
HE GUIDES US TOWARD HIMSELF**

verse 33 "They got up and returned at  
once to Jerusalem."  
(at night after walking 7 miles)

# THE COURAGE TO OBEY

**SPIRITUAL FOOLISHNESS CAN BE ESCAPED.**

We need **piety** and **attendance**

Charles Simeon "An ignorance of the Scriptures is far more injurious to us than we are apt to imagine; for it lies at the root of all our errors both in faith and practice."

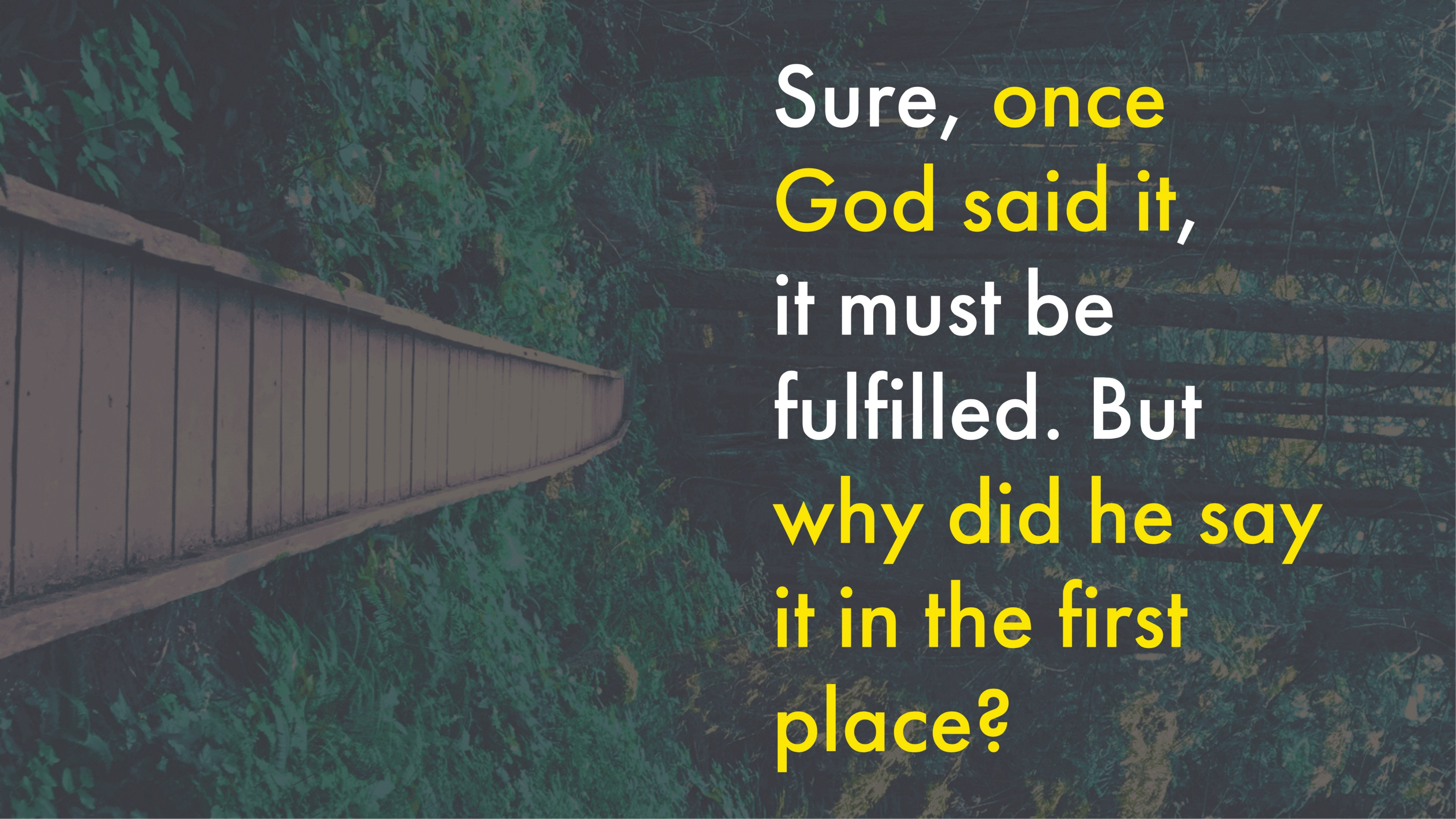
# JILL REASA

"I think that people don't read the Bible because they think they are too spiritually foolish to understand it. That is such a lie from the enemy. Not reading it is what keeps us spiritually foolish."

# THE COURAGE TO BELIEVE AND OBEY

"Did not the Messiah **have to** suffer these things and then enter his glory?" verse 26

"This is what I told you when I was still with you: everything **must be fulfilled** that is written about me in the law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." verse 44



Sure, once  
God said it,  
it must be  
fulfilled. But  
why did he say  
it in the first  
place?



Jesus tells us:

“and it will be preached in his name:  
**repentance into the forgiveness of sins**  
among all the nations; starting in Jerusalem.”

Some relevant passages: Genesis 3:15, Daniel 9:26, Isaiah 52:14-15, 53:3-5, all of ch 49-56, Psalm 22, 118, Zechariah 12:10-11, Jonah, Leviticus 14, etc.

## Isaiah 53:3-5

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. **Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows,** yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. **But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.**

## Psalm 16:8-11

I have set the LORD always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because **you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay.** You have made known to me the path of life; **you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.**



**LUKE**

## Isaiah 52:14-15

Just as there were many who were appalled at him—his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man and his form **marred beyond human likeness**—so will he sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand.

# THE COURAGE TO OBEY

JESUS GOAL ISN'T AN OPEN MIND,  
BUT AN OPENED MIND.

Vs 45 "Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures."

# THE COURAGE TO OBEY

G.K. Chesterton: "an open mind, like an open mouth, does have a purpose, and that is to be closed upon something solid otherwise it becomes like a city sewer, rejecting nothing."

It is **discernment** that **makes us properly open minded.**

**THE COURAGE TO OBEY**

**JESUS WANTS TO TEACH YOU BOTH FOR AN  
OPENED MIND AND A BURNING HEART**

**Verse 32 "Were not our hearts burning  
within us while he talked with us on the  
road and opened the Scriptures to us?"**