

Looking for Jesus

If we are looking for Jesus, in the sense that we want to know, experience, and follow him, we need to make sure we are looking in the right place. And why wouldn't we look for Jesus, the One who offers us something that we cannot find anywhere else. He alone offers freedom from the shame and guilt of our sin and a relationship with God that will sustain us through this life and into the next. In the passage we are looking at today several women look for Jesus on the first Easter morning. Their experience is instructive for all of us who are looking for Jesus. This account emphasizes that if we are looking for Jesus, we need to make sure we are looking in the right place.

Read Luke 23:55-24:12

1. What sticks out to you in this passage?
2. What were the women looking for when they went to the tomb? What did they find?
3. How do the angels help the women get clear about where they will find Jesus?
4. How did the apostles respond to the news that the women bring? How was Peter different?

Read Luke 24:36-49

5. What are all the things that Jesus does to help his followers believe that it is truly him raised from the dead, not merely a spirit?

6. What words is Jesus seeking to get his disciples to understand and pay attention to?

Steve said:

The principle here is that ***if you are looking for Jesus, pay attention to his words***. Pay attention to what he told his original disciples. The only sure guide to finding Jesus is to go back to his words and the Scriptures more broadly.

7. What do you think it mean to “pay attention” to Jesus’ words as we seek to follow him?

8. Do a little self-evaluation. At this point in your life, how well are you are paying attention to Jesus words in order to follow Him?

Steve said:

If you are seeking to follow Jesus, abide in his word; let it stay with you and guide how you think and how you treat the people in your home, in your neighborhood, in your workplace, and in the church. Jesus will tell you hard things that are painful to hear. He will tell you nourishing things that are deeply satisfying. He will tell you awe-inspiring thing that never crossed your mind. If you pay attention to his word, you will find Jesus to be a Good Shepherd who leads you through this life and into the next.

9. What are some ways that you’ve experienced the truth that Jesus is a Good Shepherd who wants to guide and lead you in this life as you pay attention to His words?

10. What one thing, if done consistently, would make a big difference in you being about to pay attention to Jesus’ words so that you can truly follow Him as you walk through this life?