

The one whose name was Cleophas answered and said unto him, Art thou a stranger in Jerusaem and hast not known the things which are shortly come to pass there these days?"

He said unto him, What things? And they said concering Jesus of Nazareth which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before all the people, and how the chief proests andour rulers delivered him to be condemned to death and was crucified. But we trusted that it had been He which should have redeemed Israel. And besides all this today is the third day since all these things were done. Yea, and also certain women of our company made us astonished which were early at the speulchre . . .

And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre and found it even as the women had said . . .

Jesus told them on several occasions He was going to be taken and crucified and raised from the dead. And they said, We thought he was the Messiah, and here he's been killed. We hear these stories about a resurrection but we don't see any proof of it.

Don't you think if you were in His place you would have said, Don't you remember how I said there . . . and there . . . Why don't you remember? They didn't understand. It was so remote from what they had any idea of. But we're told he definitely told them several times.

But that's not what he said. Notice, v. 25. Then said He to them, O fools, and slow of heart, to believe all that the prophets have spoken. Ought not Christ to have suffered these things and to have entered his glory. And beginning at Moses and all the prophets he expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

He did not rebuke them because they did not remember what He said; and understand. He rebuked them because they had not gone into the OT and studied it carefully and taken those things they didn't understand and worked into them until they did understand them and realize that the Messiah whom they crucified had been raised from the dead. "O fools and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken."

The Christian church has always held that this book is free from error. This book is God's Word. Every part of it is dependable. We may not undersand it all. As a divine book we can't expect to understand everything in it. We should be very careful we don't read into it our own ideas. Like I heard about the Gov. of Texas during the war. I don't remember the name of this particular governor, but I heard it said that he once said that tire rationing was predicted in the Bible. You read in Isa. 3:18, "In that day the Lord will take away the bravery of their tinkling ornaments about their feet and their cauls, and their round tires like the moon." Of course the word "tire" here has nothing to do with an automobile tire! This is speaking of an ornament the women were wearing in the time of Isaiah, and he was declaring how God was going to punish them for their sins