

he said? Didn't you understand when he explained to you that these things would happen?

He said something entirely different. In 24:25 he said, How foolish you are and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have foretold. Did not Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory. Beginning with Moses and all the prophets he explained to them what was said in Scripture concerning himself.

I think the Lord cause this to happen this way and to be told this way in Scripture in order to show us the fact we should go back to Scripture as the source of truth. Paul said in Galatians, If an angel from heaven, if I myself give you another gospel let him be accursed whoever does it. Paul recognized the fact that he might give them something that was not true. We read the people in Berea examined the Scriptures to see the evidence that what he was giving them was the truth. In OT times God gave his message to people through dreams, through prophecies, through speaking to them. He used methods like this in order to give people the messages he wanted them to have.

I'm not ready to say the Lord does not ever do that today. I certainly would not say that he could not, but I say this that not only could the Lord speak directly to you if he chose but so could the devil. The devil comes disguised as an angel of light who could deceive the very elect. There are many voices, many things that are impressed on our minds. We can have dreams not only from good sources but from evil sources. Jesus wants to make it absolutely clear to us that the one dependable source for becoming wise, for knowing God's truth, the one dependable source is those books God caused to be written by men inspired for the purpose, kept from error in order to present his truth in all the ages until he comes.

So there is nothing more important aside from your own personal salvation and spiritual life, there is nothing more important if you are to serve Christ effectively is to fill your mind with Scripture, to understand what the Scripture says, and then the Holy Spirit can bring to your recollection that which you've already learned from Scripture at the important turning points in your life. It is the Scripture which is the sword of the Spirit and the thing God uses to lead us and the means that he wants us to use to accomplish his will.

Our primary purpose here is to help you fill your minds with the Scripture, to get an understanding of Scripture, to become wise and becoming wise this way you can become those who will lead many to righteousness.

There are many seminaries hold the truth, presenting biblical truth in the main which talk a great deal about the importance of the Scriptures but spend most of their time studying what human beings have written or what human beings have thought the Scripture taught, instead of putting their big emphasis on learning for yourself the Scripture and seeing what it truly means. I believe our institution is almost unique in this regard that we don't merely hold up the Scripture as a ~~banned~~ banner