

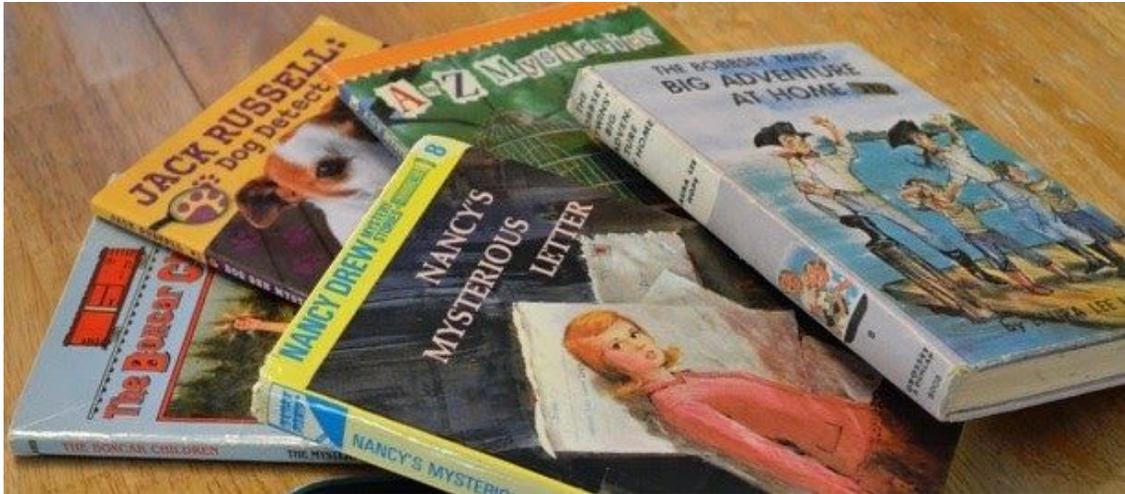
Road To Emmaus

Luke 24:13-35



Video of story: <https://youtu.be/34zqp750auM>

Do you guys like mystery books?



What types of things make good mystery stories? I think it is how the authors weave clues throughout the story, sometimes you can figure out the puzzle and sometimes you can't. Even though you might know something is a clue when you are reading the book, when do ALL of the clues make sense? At the end.

We like to try to solve the mystery by the clues we read. It's always fun to see if we are right! But at the end there is an "Ah-ha!" moment when everything makes sense.

God has a book for us to read called the Bible. And all throughout it He tells us clues about who He is and about His plan. We need to study those clues so we can know more about the mystery of God.



Bible Lesson for The Road to Emmaus

On the day that Jesus rose from the dead, He appeared to different people. Towards the end of the day, He appeared to two of His disciples who were walking from Jerusalem towards Emmaus, which was a several hour walk.

The Bible tells us that the eyes of the men were “restrained,” or not able to tell that it was Jesus who joined them on their walk.

Jesus asked the men why they were sad.

The Bible says that one of the men was Cleopas. He seemed quite amazed that Jesus had not heard of what had happened over the last few days. The death of Jesus must have caused quite a stir.

The two men told Jesus everything. And then Jesus started explaining to them all about the Old Testament prophets, including Moses, and scriptures that were the clues about Himself.

When they got to the village, the two men invited Jesus to stay with them. Jesus sat at the table to eat and broke the bread. At that moment, the Bible tells us that the eyes of the men “were opened” and they realized Jesus was with them.

After you read a good book, or watch a great movie, what do you like to do? Talk about it, and tell others to read it or watch it.

That's what the men did! They started talking to each other, "Didn't our hearts burn inside when He was telling us about the scriptures?" And then they left in a hurry to go back to Jerusalem to tell the others.

The clues were revealed. These two men knew and understood Who was with them. Once they were with the eleven others they said, "The Lord has risen indeed!"

What we learned-

When Jesus found the two men walking along the road, with their heads down, sad and confused, Jesus gently scolded them for not knowing what Scripture had foretold about Him. If they had known the Old Testament promises better, they would have understood that what happened on the cross, and at the empty tomb, were all part of God's amazing plan.

In the same way, God's word, the Bible, is the best way for us to know Him. Jesus said to abide in Him by remaining in His word (John 15:7). When we know God's word, we know God. Jesus, Himself, used God's word to explain who He was to the men. We can also share the truth about Jesus by sharing His word with others.

Do my older kids want a challenge?

We aren't told exactly which prophecies Jesus talked about with these two men, but let's look at just a few ourselves. As you read these, try to remember when these were fulfilled. (answers at the end)

#1) The Lord who rules over all says, "I will send my messenger. He will prepare my way for me. Then suddenly the Lord you are looking for will come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant will come. He is the one you long for." - Micah 5:2

#2) The Lord says, "Bethlehem, you might not be an important town in the nation of Judah. But out of you will come a ruler over Israel for Me. His family line goes back to the early years of your nation. It goes all the way back to days of long ago." - Micah 5:2

#3) City of Zion, be full of joy! People of Jerusalem, shout! See, your king comes to you. He always does what is right. He has the power to save. He is gentle and riding on a donkey. He is sitting on a donkey's colt. - Zechariah 9:9

#4) If an enemy were making fun of me, I could stand it. If he were looking down on me, I could hide from him. But it's you, someone like myself. It's my companion, my close friend. - Psalm 55:12-13

#5) What a good price they had set for me! So I threw the 30 silver coins to the potter in the Lord's temple. - Zechariah 11:13b

#6) He was beaten down and made to suffer. But he didn't open his mouth. He was led away like a sheep to be killed. Lambs are silent while their wool is being cut off. In the same way, he didn't open his mouth. - Isaiah 53:7

#7) A group of sinful people has closed in on me. They are all around me like a pack of dogs. They have pierced my hands and my feet. - Psalm 22:16

#8) But the servant was pierced because we had sinned. He was crushed because we had done what was evil. He was punished to make us whole again. His wounds have healed us. - Isaiah 53:5

We could go on and on and on reading Old Testament prophecies about Jesus. There are over 300 prophecies about the Messiah, and Jesus fulfills every one of them. No one else could fulfill all the promises God had made about the Savior of the world.

Author Josh McDowell did the math on this. The chances that one person could fulfill just eight of the prophecies are 1 in 10-to-the-seventeenth-power. That is a 1, followed by 17 zeros! This is the same as covering the entire state of Texas with silver dollars, two feet deep, marking one of them, mixing them all up and having a blind-folded person go in and pick the right one in just one try! Yet, Jesus fulfilled not only eight prophecies, but hundreds! There is no doubt that Jesus was the Messiah sent by God.

Answers-

#1 This was fulfilled when God sent John the Baptist to tell everyone that Jesus was coming (Luke 1:17, 76-79).

#2 This was fulfilled when Joseph to Mary took Bethlehem to be counted for the census, and Jesus was born there (Luke 2:4-7).

#3 This was fulfilled when Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey, as the people shouted, "Hosanna!" (John 12:13-14)

#4 This was fulfilled when Jesus' friend and disciple, Judas, betrayed Him (Mark 14:10).

#5 This was fulfilled when the chief priests paid Judas 30 silver coins to betray Jesus. Later, Judas threw the coins into the temple (Matthew 26:14-15, 27:5).

#6 This was fulfilled when Jesus allowed the guards to whip Him and beat Him. He did not say a word to defend Himself when He was on trial before Pilate (Matthew 27:27-31, 27:14).

#7 This was fulfilled when Jesus was nailed to the cross (John 20:25).

#8 This was fulfilled when Jesus willingly took ours sins to the cross (1 Peter 2:24). When we believe in Him, we are made new. His punishment saves us and gives us new life.