



BIBLE RADIO PRODUCTIONS

www.bibleradio.org.au

BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:

A2376 ~ The Walk to Emmaus.

Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.

God has a plan for this world – for everyone, and that includes you and me. This plan was decided before God started making the heavens and earth.

God originally set up the universe with Himself as its rightful owner and King. When we refer to ‘God’s kingdom’, we refer to His rule and sovereignty everywhere. When God made people, He made us so we can decide many things for ourselves; we are not like puppets. But this arrangement had a risk to it: people could either draw close and love God or turn away from Him in hate. As a result, people can choose to help or hurt one another in the the same way too. Although human decision-making brings the possibility of frustrating God’s plans for our lives, God has preferred to give us freedom rather than retaining a restrictive control!

In the beginning, God ruled His universe with unhindered authority. But it didn’t stay that way for very long; not everything that happens is in accordance with God’s wishes. Satan’s initial rebellion against God and later, Adam’s disobedience in the Garden of Eden brought sin into the world, which altered every aspect of God’s creation. The dominion of the earth that God had original given to Adam and Eve became Satan’s instead. Yet God’s desire is to once again bring the earth and all its people into peaceful, joyful surrender with His rule and reign.

Despite Satan's rebellion in the heavenly realms and on earth, God is continually working towards re-establishing His kingdom through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. God has given Jesus authority over all things, including all evil spirits and Satan himself. When Jesus arrived as a baby on earth, the Kingdom of God also arrived with Him, as it was part of Him and His purpose.

While on earth, Jesus didn't reign like a magnificent or royal king. He came in humbleness to teach people how to find and know God, before suffering the death penalty for the sake of every person's sin. This penalty includes yours and mine; Jesus died in our place, although He Himself was innocent of doing anything wrong. In obedience to God His Father, Jesus gave up His own life as a perfect, sin-forgiving sacrifice for the sins of the world. God gladly raised Jesus from the dead once all was fulfilled and satisfied, and crowned Jesus with the highest glory and honour that we will all see one day.

But on Easter's Resurrection Morning, no one at the time could see the big picture of God's wonderful plan.

DRAMA - [The Bible In Living Sound](#).

As recorded in Luke, Chapter 24, two sorrowful disciples of Jesus were walking home along the road to the village of Emmaus after attending the feasts of the Passover and Unleavened Bread. They were deeply saddened by the events of the past week.

When the risen Lord Jesus caught up and walked with these two men, He explained the Old Testament prophecies concerning the Messiah. Verses of Scripture they knew took on new meaning as Jesus quoted them. The disciples started to see that these verses had been fulfilled during the past week before and when Jesus died. They could understand the prophesy fulfilment, but still didn't understand why Jesus had to die.

Jesus had been such a kind, loving and good Person. He hadn't broken any laws, either the Mosaic Law or the Roman civil laws. The Jewish rulers and chief priests had many false witnesses speak against Him but they couldn't agree over what He was being accused of. As a result, no sins or misconduct was ever found in Him. When Jesus told the Temple officials that He would rise in three days, He said the truth. But later at His trial, the officials vowed such words as speaking against God, because Jesus claimed that He too was God. Although this claim again was true, the officials refused to accept Jesus' divine nature.

So what is truth? It is the facing of facts, the reality of the way things are. Many societies around the world have become so degraded and confused about what is the truth that people often expect to be told lies or to have the truth hidden from them. Many people will tell lies to gain an advantage over another and deceive them. Truth in many areas of life today has become subjective, or the way we want to see things. This means that my version of the truth can be different from yours. Pilate at Jesus' trial asked, "What is truth?" But at this point, he really didn't want to know what the answer was because like Caiaphas the high priest, Pilate was only interested in maintaining his power and position.

By contrast, God is the truth, the absolute truth and King David for one in the Old Testament believed this. He said in a prayer in Psalm 86: “Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth.” Jesus too, also claimed to be truth. In John, Chapter 14, He said: “I am the way, the truth and the life …” To know Jesus is to know the truth! And we should treasure the truth that is found in Him! But as we have seen, holding fast to God’s truth can bring us much suffering and persecution, just as it did to Jesus.

Was it really necessary that Jesus had to die? God’s justice demanded a sacrifice but this explanation isn’t enough for many people. In Genesis, Chapter 15, Abram (whom God renamed later as Abraham) questioned God’s promise that Abram’s children will be numbered as the stars in heaven, and that they too would inherit the land to which God had led Abram.

Although Abram believed the LORD’s promise and it was counted to him as righteousness, Abram still wanted a guarantee. God proposed a blood covenant (or a promise) after the manner of the Chaldeans. Abram understood this because he had come from the city of Ur in the Chaldees. The blood covenant worked this way: Chosen animals were killed and cut into pieces. The pieces were mixed together and then carefully arranged to form a kind of pathway through which the two parties would walk together with hands joined. Whoever broke the covenant would be destroyed like those animals.

Such blood covenants were commonly used in those days to join families and tribes together, where the people taking part agreed to do or refrain from certain acts.

So Abram prepared the sacrifice for a blood covenant between himself and God. This covenant would be binding on Abram's descendants as heirs to God, requiring them to be faithful to God always. While Abram waited for God to come down, he chased away the birds of prey from the sacrifice. Yet about sunset, Abram fell into a deep sleep. A smoking furnace and flaming torch then passed down the pathway between the pieces.

It was God Himself who signed the contract for both sides, binding Himself to keeping both parts. As the Old Testament shows, Abram's descendants did not remain faithful to God or this covenant God had made. The breaking of covenant demanded that one of the committed parties had to die, for this is what justice required. The covenant could only be confirmed when the price demanded for breaking it was paid in full. Since it was God who signed the covenant on behalf of Abram, it was Jesus then who paid the blood penalty in full on the cross.

This is the reason why God stepped out of eternity and into earthly space and time in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus kept the provisions of the original covenant while being a true son of Abraham. When Jesus cried with a loud voice on the cross, "It is finished!", He meant: 'The covenant is paid in full! Justice is fully satisfied.'

Jesus made restitution on behalf of the descendants of Abraham. But are we all Jewish? No, we're not! The Apostle Paul said in Galatians, Chapter 3: "The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles (that is, the non-Jews) by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, 'In you all the nations shall be blessed.' So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham." It also says: "Only the person who is put right with God through faith shall live."

The only thing now separating God from each unbelieving person is human pride. Accepting by faith the free pardon obtained for us at the cross is a humbling experience that each of us need to make.

Christians obtain victory by surrendering themselves to God. We obtain eternal life through the death of Christ. But to achieve eternal life, one has to first die to themselves. This is still true 2,000 years later for all new converts to Christianity.

Have you prepared yourself for a future time when you'll have to give an account to God Almighty Himself for what you've done here on earth? Note well that this day is coming, whether any of us like it or not!

In Acts, Chapter 17, Verses 30 to 31 it says: "God commands all people everywhere to repent, because He has fixed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom He has appointed; and of this He has given assurance to all by raising Him from the dead."

The drama is from The Bible In Living Sound.

< END OF SCRIPT >
