

## Luke 24:11-35 Unbelieving Believers

Unbelief among Believers is as common today as it was in the days of Yeshua amongst many of His Disciples. There is a huge difference in following Yeshua, the Man, and obeying Yeshua, the Word made flesh.

Believers are not just followers and hearers of the Word. **True Believers are followers, hearers, and doers of the Word.**

In this teaching, we will examine the unbelief of Yeshua's Disciples and His response to their unbelief, His expectation of them, and keys to strengthen our belief and faith in Yeshua.

Unbelief among many of us, who confess to be Believers, is obvious in several ways. The lack of miracles and the demonstration of power, as Yeshua said, is evidence.

The choice of words and things that many allow their mouths to speak oftentimes contradicts what they say they believe. This is evident in their lifestyles and practices of immoral behavior by engaging in those things the Bible clearly teaches that those who do such things would not inherit eternal life.

Much of the unbelief and immoral behavior could be in the underlying disbelief in a resurrection and judgment after death.

The way some confessing Believers behave and live their lives is clear that they do not believe in accountability after death of how they lived.

Heb 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

The promise of a Resurrection and Judgment is the foundation of the Believer's faith in Yeshua. According to the Hebrew's writing, it is a foundational teaching.

Heb 6:1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Messiah, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,  
Heb 6:2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

Paul wrote to the Corinthians:

1Co 15:12 Now if Messiah be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?

1Co 15:13 But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is **Messiah not risen:**

1Co 15:14 And if Messiah be not risen, **then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.**

1Co 15:15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Messiah: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.

1Co 15:16 For if the dead rise not, then is not Messiah raised:

1Co 15:17 And if Messiah be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.

1Co 15:18 Then they also which are fallen asleep in Messiah are perished.

1Co 15:19 If in this life only we have hope in Messiah, we are of all men most miserable.

What distinguishes our faith from all other religions is accountability to YeHoVaH after death, via the resurrection and judgment, for how we have lived our lives on earth.

If death is the end and there is no resurrection and judgment, then our faith is in vain or useless.

It is not uncommon to be a follower of Yeshua, a Believer in the Word of Elohim, and not believe the things Yeshua said and taught.

Yeshua's Disciples struggled with things He said and taught. Yeshua's Disciples did not believe some of the things He said and taught. Yeshua said some hard and difficult things to hear and repeat.

Yeshua's first appearance was to the women mentioned in Verse 10.

Lk 24:9 And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest.

Lk 24:10 It was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary *the mother* of James, and other *women that were* with them, which told these things unto the apostles.

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Lk 24:11 And their words seemed to them as idle tales, and **they believed them not**.

Lk 24:12 Then arose Peter, and ran unto the sepulchre; and stooping down, he beheld the linen clothes laid by themselves, and departed, wondering in himself at that which was come to pass.

Peter went to the sepulcher and saw nothing nor had a visitation like the women, or the two men below.

Lk 24:13 And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem *about* threescore furlongs.

Lk 24:14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened.

These two were with the Apostles and the others who were present when Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary *the mother* of James, and other *women that were* with them came and told them they had seen the resurrected Yeshua.

Lk 24:15 And it came to pass, that, while they communed *together* and reasoned, Yeshua himself drew near, and went with them.

Remember, the last thing Yeshua said before giving up the ghost was "It is finished".

Jn 19:30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

And yet, here He is again. In fact, according to Acts, He continued His Ministry for forty more days.

Ac 1:1 The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

Ac 1:2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

Ac 1:3 To whom also he showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

Lk 24:16 But their eyes were holden that they should not know him.

Lk 24:17 And he said unto them, What manner of communications *are* these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?

Lk 24:18 And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?

Cleopas' response indicated that everyone in Jerusalem knew what had happened.

Lk 24:19 And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Yeshua of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:

They spoke of Yeshua in past tense, believing that He was gone forever.

Lk 24:20 And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him.

Lk 24:21 But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, today is the third day since these things were done.

Lk 24:22 Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre;

Lk 24:23 And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive.

Lk 24:24 And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found *it* even so as the women had said: but him they saw not.

Lk 24:25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:

Yeshua spoke to them as ones that did not believe.

Lk 24:26 Ought not Messiah to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?

Lk 24:27 And beginning at **Moses and all the prophets**, he **expounded** unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

Mt 5:17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

## Fulfill what?

All things in the Law and Prophets **concerning Him**

Mt 5:18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Expounded – **1329 διερμηνεύω** diermeneuo {dee-er-main-yoo'-o}

**Meaning:** 1) to unfold the meaning of what is said, explain, expound 2) to translate into one's native language

**Usage:** AV - interpret 4, by interpretation 1, expound 1; 6

Lk 24:28 And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further.

Lk 24:29 But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them.

Lk 24:30 And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them.

Lk 24:31 And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.

Lk 24:32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?

Lk 24:33 And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them,

Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus who were not daily followers of Yeshua, followed Torah and took Yeshua down from the tree.

The women went to do what they considered a proper burial.

Yeshua appeared to the women Disciples before appearing to the men Disciples.

When the women reported what Yeshua had told them to report, the men Disciples did not believe them and thought they were speaking nonsense or idle tales.

When Paul talked about those that Yeshua appeared to after the resurrection, he did not mention the women who were the first to see Yeshua and reported to the other Disciples who did not believe the women.

Paul, a former Pharisee also failed to mention that they did not believe when they first heard it from the women Disciples. There were no women Pharisees or Sadducees.

After Yeshua's capture, all His disciples forsook Him

Matthew 26:56 (KJV)

But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled.

They lost hope because of what they saw. What they saw spoke louder to them than what Yeshua said. Their sight took lead over their faith and made them unbelievers.

They walked by sight not by faith.

Lk 24:34 Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.

Which Simon is being mentioned here?

Luke does not say but many assume he was speaking of Simon Peter.

There were six Simon's mentioned in the Gospels alone.

Yeshua had two Disciples named Simon.

Lk 6:14 Simon, (whom he also named Peter,) and Andrew his brother, James and John, Philip and Bartholomew,

Lk 6:15 Matthew and Thomas, James the *son* of Alphaeus, and Simon called Zelotes (the Canaanite)

Yeshua was invited to dinner by a Pharisee named Simon.

Lk 7:44 And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped *them* with the hairs of her head.

Yeshua had a brother named Simon.

Mt 13:55 Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas?

Simon the Leper

Mk 14:3 And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she brake the box, and poured *it* on his head.

Simon of Cyrene was made to carry Yeshua's cross.

Lk 23:26 And as they led him away, they laid hold upon one Simon, a Cyrenian, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear *it* after Jesus.

Mark informs us that the Disciples did not believe the two men either:

Mk 16:12 After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country.

Mk 16:13 And they went and told *it* unto the residue: neither believed they them.

Keys to strengthen your faith are to add to your faith as Peter wrote:

2Pe 1:1 Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:

2Pe 1:2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

2Pe 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

2Pe 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

2Pe 1:5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

2Pe 1:6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

2Pe 1:7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

2Pe 1:8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make *you that ye shall* neither *be* barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2Pe 1:9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.