

However, the truly scientific approach to the Old Testament requires that we note what it claims for itself and what is the attitude of the rest of the Bible toward it. If we are Christians, it is extremely important that we find out exactly what attitude our Lord Jesus Christ held toward the Old Testament.

There are many Biblical passages which give a clear answer to this question. They fit together and <sup>are</sup> ~~our~~ united in their testimony as to the nature of the Old Testament. In my opinion one of the very clearest of these passages is that in Luke 24, where the risen Christ refers to the Old Testament in his talk with the two disciples on the Emmaus Road.

You remember the story. As the men were walking toward Emmaus, a stranger drew near them and asked what it was that made them so perplexed and so sad. They asked him if he were a stranger in Jerusalem that he should be unaware of the stirring events of the last few days, how Jesus of Nazareth, whom they supposed would be the One to redeem Israel, had been taken and with wicked hands had been crucified, and now was three days already in the tomb, However, that very morning strange rumors had arisen concerning him, that he was risen from the dead and had been seen by some of the disciples and also by the women. Howbeit, they did not understand it at all. In this situation, we who know the Gospel account of Jesus' earthly life, might ~~suppose~~ have expected that He would turn to them and remind them how He had predicted on more than one occasion that He was to be crucified and was to rise again on the third day. He might even have felt a bit irritated at the failure to recall His words and to expect exactly what had occurred. To our surprise, however, He did something entirely differend. He turned to them with strong rebuke for their neglect, but it was not neglect in recalling what they had heard Him say, but for failure to make a thorough study of the Old Testament and to accept its teachings as absolutely true. He said,