

## CHAPTER 3

# THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER

## Mission in the gospels



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1. Imagine you have one minute to share the Christian message with a person from another culture who has no Christian background at all. What would you say?

Read Luke 24:44-49. The people Jesus taught knew all the 'background'. The scene had already been set for Jesus to come. In this passage Jesus shows them that the whole Old Testament pointed to the Messiah's coming by talking about 'the law of Moses, the prophets and the Psalms' which were the three divisions of the Old Testament in Jesus' day.

Look at Luke 24:44 again and focus on the 'law of Moses'.

2. Write down how God 'sets the scene' for a relationship between himself and Israel through the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20.

Exodus 20:2

Exodus 20:3-6

Exodus 20:7

Exodus 20:8

Exodus 20:9-17

The commandments emphasize the fact that God calls us into a relationship with himself and therefore with his creation and all other people. But the 'law of Moses' also refers to the first five books of the Old Testament.

3. What other teaching from the law of Moses prepared the way for the coming of a Saviour? Write down the main teaching referring to the coming of Jesus from each passage below.

Exodus 12:21-27

Exodus 15:2

Exodus 24:8

Leviticus 4:20

Deuteronomy 18:15

Look at Luke 24:44 again and focus on 'the prophets'.

4. On Jesus' first speaking occasion at the Nazareth synagogue he read Isaiah 61, which, as his listeners knew, foretold the coming of the Messiah. Note what each of these other prophetic passages teaches us about the coming Saviour.

Isaiah 12:2

Joel 2

Micah 5:2-4

Other passages of interest you could look at as time allows are Isaiah 42:1-9; Ezekiel 34:11-24; Micah 7:18-20; and Malachi 4:1-5.

Look at Luke 24:44 again and focus on 'the Psalms'.

5. Together, think of one or more Psalms which look towards the Messiah's suffering and future reign.

Think of yourself as one of the disciples, listening to Jesus speak these words in Luke 24:44-49.

6. The message about Jesus was not accepted as being true by the Jews, and it was totally unknown by the rest of the world. It is just as difficult for us today as it was for those first disciples to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. How can we help each other and our missionaries to be gospel people?