

1. Resurrection Prophesied: God loves life!

Living the risen life as an act of imagination

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1. The Emmaus Road Drama

- Jesus approaches (Lk 24:16)?
 - ◆ Ivanka Demchuk (Ukraine)
 - ◆ Liz Meynell (UK) c2000
- Fellow travellers in conversation (Lk 24:19ff)?
 - ◆ He Qi (China/USA) 1997
- Asking Jesus to stay (Lk 24:28)?
 - ◆ Duccio (Italy) c1310
 - ◆ 6thC Byzantine
- The meal itself (Lk 24:29-30)
 - ◆ Velazquez (Spain) 1618
- Recognition at the bread breaking (Lk 24:31)
 - ◆ Rembrandt (Netherlands) eg 1648
 - ◆ Caravaggio (Italy) eg 1602
- Jesus disappeared (Lk 24:31)
 - ◆ Rembrandt (Netherlands) eg 1649

2. Beyond The Emmaus Road

- You should have known better...
 - ◆ Luke 24:5 - Two shining men
 - ◆ Luke 24:25 - Jesus said to the Emmaus 2
 - ◆ Luke 24:38 - Jesus to Upper Room

 - ◆ John 20:13, 15 - Two Angels AND Jesus
 - ◆ John 20:27 - Jesus to Thomas
- Why?
 - ◆ 1: Jesus told them
 - ◆ 2: the Scriptures told them

3. Life is Precious

Why Do We Grieve?

(i) Life of a Murderer (Gen 4:13-16)

(ii) Life in the Blood (Lev 17:11)

I will set my face against any Israelite or any foreigner residing among them who eats blood, and I will cut them off from the people. For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life. Therefore I say to the Israelites, 'None of you may eat blood, nor may any foreigner residing among you eat blood.' (Leviticus 17:10-12)

(iii) God Calls for Dedicated Lives...

What should an Old Covenant life of dedication to God should look like (*ie OT ethics*)?

● Responding to Grace (Exod 20:1-3)

And God spoke all these words: 2 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. 3 'You shall have no other gods before me.

- Holiness (Lev 19:1-2)

The Lord said to Moses, 2 'Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: "Be holy because I, the Lord your God, am holy.

- Love (Lev 19:18; Deut 6:5)

Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

(iv) ... not Human Sacrifice (Deut 12:31; cf Lev 18:21)

You must not worship the Lord your God in their way, because in worshipping their gods, they do all kinds of detestable things the Lord hates. They even burn their sons and daughters in the fire as sacrifices to their gods.

4. But God Can Be Confusing!

Judges 21:25 In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit.

(i) Jephthah's Daughter! (Judges 11)

- Jephthah's commission to protect Israel from Ammon (11:7-11)

- Jephthah's diplomacy to Ammon rebuffed (11:28)

- Jephthah's commitment to God (11:31, 34-35)

Was Jephthah Right?!

(ii) Abraham's Son! (Genesis 22)

- A miraculous son (21:6-7)
- A horrific call (22:6-7)







The Parable of the Old Man and the Young (1920)
Wilfred Owen (1893-1918)

- A divine escape (22:8, 12)
- An eternal foreshadowing (Heb 11:17-19)

By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, even though God had said to him, 'It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.' Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death.

- ◆ Zurbarán, Francisco de (Spain): *Agnus Dei* (c1635–40)

Further Reading (all recommended, arranged by weight!)

Did it all really happen?				
	Rebecca McLaughlin	Is Easter Unbelievable?	Good Book 2023	<i>Up to date, brief and very readable.</i>
	John Dickson	Is Jesus History?	Good Book 2019	<i>Accessible overview of the historicity of Jesus by a scholar of the classical world</i>
	Michael Licona	The Resurrection of Jesus	Apollos 2010	<i>A doorstop (643 pages!) but brilliant for going in deep</i>
What does it all mean?				
	Mark Meynell	Life after Life	IVP 2024	<i>What can I say?! Not too bad...</i>
	Tom Wright	Surprised by Hope	SPCK 2011	<i>Thought-provoking, very readable and life-changing</i>
	John Stott	The Incomparable Christ	IVP 2001	<i>A rich feast looking at all kinds of different aspects of who Jesus is and the revolution he brings</i>