

We spend all sorts of time studying present people's ideas about psychology; studying the views of various theologians as to what this man said, and that man said. Far more important than any of them is what Jesus said! Of course Jesus spoke through the Apostles. The Holy Spirit led them into truth. But in the Gospels we have Jesus's direct teaching to the disciples; teaching meant not just for them but for all of us. It is very important we study the Gospels and understand their important teaching.

But we're looking today particularly at the beginning of this book of the Acts of the Apostles which tells about His continuing deeds and His continuing teaching. His teaching did not end at His death. Forty days He spent with them. Wouldn't it have been wonderful if we could have heard the things He told them during these 40 days! What we have of it is contained in these next two verses. ~~Some~~ Few verses. But I think we can safely say that a great deal that was already in the Gospels was repeated to them by our Lord during those 40 days. I think we can be sure He made clear to them many things which He had stated in the Gospels but which they had not understood.

We read in the Gospels how He had predicted His death and resurrection. But the disciples did not understand. They did not take it in. They were surprised, shocked, astounded when He was taken and crucified. In Galilee they remembered what He had said before He reminded them of it, and expained it ~~for~~ more fully. He gave them fuller understanding during those 40 days. But I don't think He added a great deal upon what He had already said, or it would have been included in the Bible. So His teaching continued during those 40 days, but then it was continued through the Apostles through the rest of the NT. Jesus had promised, as we read in John, that He would send them another Comforter who would lead them into all truth. He said, He will take what I have told you and remind you of it, and He will lead you into new truths. He said, I have much to tell you that y u can't bear now. Maybe He gave them some of those things during that 40 days, but the Holy Spirit led them further as they wrote their Epistles.

But here we have Jesus continuing teaching through the ages through the whoe of the Bible, all of it represents His teaching and continues all through this age to be our Lord's teaching that is so important for us. We need this Holy Spirit's guidance to == as we read it. I love that hymn that starts, The Spirit breaths upon the Word and brings the truth to light. The Word that clearly presents the truth God wants us to have, but it is easy for Satan to blind our eyes, and we need to have our minds and spirits keen and clear and ready for the Holy Spirit to open our eyes to the things that are in the Word. But the basis of our teaching should be the Word. That's why I'm so glad, I always rejoice that our Seminary is Biblical. Our purpose is to learn what the Bible says.