

about which it is good to know exactly where we stand on.

First we want to notice a couple of negatives. Inerrancy is not necessary for salvation. It is not a way to try to reach the unbeliever to speak to him about inerrancy. We do not try to take this Bible and to answer every question anybody can raise about it. That's not the way we prove that this Bible is the Word of God. We come to the Scripture because we realize our sin. We realize that everyone of us have sinned and done what is contrary to God's will and deserves eternal punishment for our sins.

I heard the illustration the other day: if you take four quarts of good milk, and then take one quart of sour milk and mix it in with them. There may be a little bit of sour milk compared with all the good milk, but it's enough to ruin it. It is so with each of us. There is enough of sin, enough of wrong within us that we cannot possibly in our own right claim the grace of almighty God.

So God sent His only son, Jesus Christ to die that we might be saved through faith in Him. And we come to believe in His Word because we see our sin, we see what we deserve, we see Jesus Christ lifted up for our sin. Then we put our faith in Christ and we look to Him as our Lord. Then we look into the Scripture to see what Jesus Christ wants us to do and believe. We find He said not one jot or one tittle shall pass from the law until all is fulfilled. We find that Jesus Christ told his disciples many times that He was going to be crucified and be raised again from the dead. He told Peter. But they did not understand it, and it went in one ear and out the other.

So when He was raised from the dead, we read in Luke 24, one day that two disciples were walking along the road and a stranger came up to them. They did not recognize him, and he talked to them. He said, What is this you're talking about, and so excited about? They said, Haven't you heard what has happened in Jerusalem? What? They said, Jesus of Nazareth, a wonderful man, and wicked people have taken him and crucified him. And they said, This is the third day, and we have heard some people say that he was raised from the dead.

He turned to them, and if you and I had been involved there we probably would have said, Don't you remember I told you repeatedly that I was going to be crucified. I told you I would be raised from the dead. You should not hesitate, you should believe it! Accept what they say. And I would -- and look and see if I would show myself to you too." But that's not what He said. He said, Oh fools and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken. Then Lk. 24 tells us how he opened the Scripture and beginning at Moses and all the prophets he explained to them the things concerning Himself.