

When we got about half way up we came to a place where was a little flat area. We sat there and rested a little. As we sat there I looked down at the rope. As I looked at that rope I noticed that in each section of the rope there was a little red thread running through it. I had heard an illustration about red threads in ropes, but I had never seen one before and here I saw it and I was curious.

I turned to the guide and said, Why is this red thread here? in this rope. He said, That red thread when you see that running through each part of the rope, that is the indication it is the best kind of English rope. That is the evidence that you can trust your life to that rope.

Here we have the red thread that runs through the whole Bible. The thread of the death of the Lord Jesus Christ. We have it in Genesis as ~~We~~ looks forward ~~and he tells the story of~~ to when He shall bruise the serpent's head. We see it in Exodus and Leviticus in the sacrifices. We see it in the predictions of Isaiah and the other prophets. All through the OT we see the red thread. We find it in the Gospels with its great emphasis upon the death of Christ. We find it in the Acts as the Apostles preached what His death accomplished. And we find it in the epistles as they explain how you can be saved through Christ. In the Revelation we find Him glorified as the Lamb that was slain.

We see this red thread running through and we know that we can trust our lives to the rope. Oh it is a good thing to study the different gospels and look at a story of something in one and compare it with the others. And study the words and study them in detail. Compare and study them in detail. That is all very valuable. But sometime you want to take the Gospel of Matthew and read straight through at one sitting those 28 chs. and see the picture of the King and bow before Him, and acknowledge Him as your King, the King of your life, the one you should follow no matter what happens.

And turn to the Gospel of Mk. and read those 16 chs. straight through and see the picture of the servant, the one who goes from one great act to another. And drop your burdens upon Him. Turn to Him for the greatest thing he could ever do, to save you from sin. Then turn to him to direct your life and to lead in all the details of your life. Jesus Christ the one who can satisfy our needs.

Then look to Him,, the perfect Man, the one whose example we should follow. The one who lived here that we should follow in His steps and who gave His life to give us the power to do so. Read those 28 chs. and see the picture Luke gives. (24 chs.)

Then read straight through the Gospel of John and see the picture of the God-Man, the one who was in the beginning, the one who has all power in heaven and earth and bow before him and worship him and look to him. So more important than all the difficulties of life that all your little troubles and problems sink into insignificance in comparison with Him who is indeed God incarnate, the maker of heaven and earth. Let us pray.