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**Christ in the Old Testament in Luke 24**

<sup>25</sup> And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"

<sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

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1. Background – Does the OT reveal Christ?
    - denials: ancient (Marcion) and modern (historical-critical and dispensational)
  2. Luke 24:44-49
    - the setting: between the resurrection and ascension
      - what was typical ("an extremely succinct account of what happened further")
    - verses. 44-47: a time of teaching ("while I was still with you," vs. 45!)
  3. verses 44-45: the scope/circumference
    - “in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms “; “in all the Scriptures” (vs. 27)
      - comprehensive/everything or partial/some things?
        - the immediate context: typical teaching
        - verse 45: “... to understand the Scriptures”
      - conclusion: Christ is “the consent of all the parts [of the OT], the scope of the whole” (WCF 1:5)
  4. verses 46-47: the center
    - “it is written”: Christ’s death and resurrection (messianic suffering and glory) and world-wide gospel preaching (=?)
    - one example: Isaiah 49:1-8 & 2 Corinthians 5:14-6:2
  5. Concluding observations
    - Christ in the OT – two extremes to be avoided
      - “Christ is in every sentence of the OT” – true or false?
    - “redemption restores and perfects the creation”; Romans 8:19-22