

# “UNLOCKING THE BIBLE STORY”

Luke 24:27

## Introduction

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Have you ever walked in on a conversation between people as they approach the tale end of the story; and thinking that you know exactly what they are talking about you provide some “wise” comments or suggestions? Then one second after your contribution you realize that you had very little understanding of the context of the story, and that your contribution has only led to confused looks on the face of those who were talking?

We can, at times, have a similar experience when reading the Bible. Perhaps as we read accounts in the Gospels about Jesus Christ as the writer refers to an Old Testament story, or how about when the Apostle Paul presents a warning to the Church and uses examples of events from the lives of His chosen people?

The Bible contains 66 individual books that we call the Old and New Testaments. And although often unique in human authorship and when they were written, they present one over arching story. Let’s “unlock” a few of the gems of the Bible this morning.

# A FEW GEMS

## **THE ROAD TO EMMAUS (LUKE 24:13-35)**

What's the story? (Context) -

## **THE SIGN OF JONAH (MATTHEW 12:38-41)**

What's the story? (Context) -

## **THE SERPENT IN THE WILDERNESS (3:14-16)**

What's the story? (Context) -

## **AVOID ISRAEL'S MISTAKES (1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-13)**

What's the story? (Context) -

## **WHY READ THE ENTIRE BIBLE ? (Just a few reasons)**

- 1) The Bible reminds us of our problem with sin.
- 2) The Bible leads us to the solution which is Christ.
- 3) The Bible reminds us that we have a loving God that desires to save us.
- 4) The Bible helps us to live new lives in Christ and provides encouragement and warnings for our current life circumstances.
- 5) The Bible helps us to understand the glory of God so that we may respond to Him as loving children.