

Friday 13th November

Numbers 12:1-9

Key verses 7,8

But this is not true of my servant Moses;
 he is faithful in all my house.
With him I speak face to face,
 clearly and not in riddles;
 he sees the form of the Lord.
Why then were you not afraid
 to speak against my servant Moses?"

Yes it's the same verses as yesterday but there is an important feature we have not looked at yet.

On the road to Emmaus, Cleopas and his friend were led in Bible study by the Lord Jesus himself.

Luke 24:27 records that Jesus, '...beginning with Moses and all the Prophets explained to them what was said in all the scriptures concerning himself.'

Moses would have been the perfect starting point because of the parallels between Moses and Jesus. 4 things stand out from these verses.

- Humble. We've already seen the humility of Moses in v3 and through his attitude towards his people and his fellow prophets. Jesus had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him (Is 53:2,3). He was despised and rejected. He made himself nothing, ...he humbled himself and became obedient to death... (Phil 2:7,8)
- Servant. Twice God uses the term, 'my servant' about Moses in our verses. Jesus not only becomes God's servant on Earth (Did you not know I must be about my Father's business? Luke 2:49) but he also demonstrated the importance of service to others. He said, '...whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.' (Mark 10: 44-45)
- Faithful. As Moses was faithful (v7) so was Jesus. Hebrews 3:6 even echoes the same words when it describes Christ being, '...faithful as a servant over God's house.' Jesus was obedient to the last, obedient to death despite personal physical and emotional anguish!
- The unique revelation of God. Moses saw the form of God (v8) but Jesus was the form of God. (Phil 2:6). Hebrews 1:1-2 explains that, 'God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.'

Moses pointed the way to Christ! What a challenge to us that we are called to do the same. 'Let your light shine before men' (Mat 5:16). 'You will be my witnesses..' (Acts 1:8). Are we just blending in or do we stand out like Moses did, so much so that people want to know why we are different.