

Matthew 27:62-63

On the next day, which followed the Day of Preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered together to Pilate, saying, 'Sir, we remember, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise.'

I don't know about you, but I find it strange that the Chief Priests and Pharisees remembered that Jesus said that He was going to rise from the dead after three days, ("*Sir, we remember, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise.'*") but the Disciples didn't, even though Jesus told them plainly about it, yet they were confused, but didn't tell Jesus that they were.

† **Mark 9:31-32** *For He taught His disciples and said to them, "The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day." But they did not understand this saying, and were afraid to ask Him.*

And because they didn't understand, after Jesus rose from the dead and was walking down the road with a couple of the disciples, they told Jesus all that had happened, and what they thought about Jesus. (They did not know that it was Jesus Who rose from the dead.)

† **Luke 24:21** *But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened.*

So, are we as believers really paying attention to what Jesus says in His word, or are we just going through the motions, skimming through His word or maybe not even paying attention in church, with the; "been there, heard that" attitude. Or maybe we are like the Disciples afraid to ask if we don't understand (*But they did not understand this saying, and were afraid to ask Him.*) Because we don't want to sound stupid.

At one of my jobs, I used to train people on how to do their job, and one thing I always said to those who I was training was, "*There is no such thing as a stupid question, just a stupid mistake for not asking the question.*"

Fear is what causes people to not ask those questions, yet the Lord is not going to think you are stupid for asking Him a question, and no other Christian should make you feel stupid either, because we have all been there and probably had that same question, and when you ask someone, it's probably not the first time someone asked them that same question.

The Disciples didn't understand about Jesus raising from the dead, but the Chief Priests and Pharisees did, and as you think about it, the world may be paying attention, more than you know.

How so? By watching you. I think we would be surprised how many non believers watch us because we are Christians, and most of the time they are looking to see if we are the real deal, or are we just like them, because even though the Chief Priests and Pharisees knew Jesus said He would rise on the third day, they still chose to reject Him, because it's not about a head knowledge of Jesus, but rather a heart relationship with Him that makes you a child of God.

† **James 2:19** *You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe-- and tremble!*

† **John 6:68-69** *But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."*