

DISILLUSIONED

A Devotional by Pastor C. for Sunday Life Study (start date: 06/08/2025)

Definition: disappointed in someone or something that one discovers to be less good than one had believed. To lose faith or trust in something formerly regarded as good or valuable. **Synonyms include:** frustrated. cynical. disenchanting. pessimistic.

Examples:

- (1) By her late teens, she had become disillusioned with the Catholic faith.
- (2) The disillusioned children of troubled marriages suffer long into adulthood.—Marianne Gingher

A FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURE

13That same day two of Jesus' followers were walking to the village of Emmaus, seven miles out of Jerusalem. **14**As they walked along they were talking about everything that had happened. **15**Suddenly, Jesus himself came along and joined them and began walking beside them. **16**But they didn't know who He was because God kept them from recognizing him. **17**You seem to be in a deep discussion about something, He said. "What are you so concerned about?" They stopped short, sadness written across their faces. **18**Then one of them, Cleopas, replied, "You must be the only person in Jerusalem who hasn't heard about all the things that have happened there the last few days." **19**"What things?" Jesus asked. "The things that happened to Jesus, the man from Nazareth," they said. "He was a prophet who did wonderful miracles. He was a mighty teacher, highly regarded by both God and all the people. **20**But our leading priests and other religious leaders arrested Him and handed Him over to be condemned to death, and they crucified him. **21**We had thought [hoped] He was the Messiah who had come to rescue Israel. That all happened three days ago." Luke 24:13-21

1. In general, what are some reasons any of us can become "disillusioned"?

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____
- (4) _____
- (5) _____

2. What are some reasons we can become "disillusioned" in the church *and* with the Lord?

- (1) _____ . Luke 24:21, Proverbs 13:12
- (2) _____ . Matthew 19:16-29, John 2:23-25
- (3) _____ . Galatians 2:11-21, John 11:1-39
- (4) _____ —stemming from "past traumatic life event or recent church experience".
- (5) _____ coupled with a _____ . John 6:26-71
- (6) _____ . Acts 15:36-41, Philippians 4:1-3

3. Can one or two people have enough faith, hope, and optimism if/when the majority have become "disillusioned"?

- (1) _____ . Psalm 112:7, Numbers 13:25-33 and Numbers 14 _____
- (2) _____ . Exodus 14 _____
- (3) _____ . Acts 27 _____

4. Our "thoughts and our words" can be "early warning signs" that we're on the verge of "becoming disillusioned".

- (1) " _____ ." Malachi 1:13
- (2) " _____ ." Malachi 1:2
- (3) " _____ ." Psalm 73:13
- (4) " _____ ." Isaiah 49:14
- (5) " _____ ." John 11:21, 11:32
- (6) " _____ ." John 21:15-23