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1. Teach you all things
2. Bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

Jesus said this to His closest disciples including Matthew, John, and Peter.

/The Holy Spirit would teach the apostles all things, and bring to their remembrance all that Jesus said to them.\

/Before His resurrection and session, His disciples had trouble understanding many things that Jesus said.\

But they would come to understand them after Jesus was raised from the dead.
How? By the work of the Holy Spirit.

Let's review a couple of things that the disciples did not understand until after the Resurrection and ascension of Jesus.

John 2:18-22

The Jews then said to Him, "What sign do You show us as your authority for doing these things?" 19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." 20 The Jews then said, "It took forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" 21 But He was speaking of the temple of His body. 22 So when He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He said this; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken.

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/The Holy Spirit brought these things to their remembrance.\

And He taught them so they could understand what He meant. They believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken.

/Now, the Scripture here is the Old Testament. The Old Testament predicted that the Messiah, the Son of David, would die and be raised from the dead.\

For example, look at Psalm 16:

Ps 16:7-11

7 I will bless the Lord who has counseled me;

Indeed, my mind instructs me in the night.

8 I have set the Lord continually before me;

Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

9 Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoices;

My flesh also will dwell securely.

10 For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol;

Nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.

11 You will make known to me the path of life;

*In Your presence is fullness of joy;
In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.*

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Now, this Psalm was originally written by David, the greatest king of Israel in the Old Testament.

/But David here is a type of his greater Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.\

With the illumination of the Holy Spirit, we can hear the voice of Christ in the words of David.

We know this because of the New Testament.

/ It turns out that both Peter (who was with Jesus in the Upper Room) and Paul (who wasn't) used Psalm 16 to preach the resurrection of Jesus.\

In Jerusalem on the feast of Pentecost, Peter preached a great gospel message to Jews from every nation:

Acts 2:22-36

22 "Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know — 23 this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death. 24 "But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power. 25 "For David says of Him [quotation from Psalm 16],
'I SAW THE LORD ALWAYS IN MY PRESENCE;FOR HE IS AT MY RIGHT HAND, SO THAT I WILL NOT BE SHAKEN. 26 'THEREFORE MY HEART WAS GLAD AND MY TONGUE EXULTED;MOREOVER MY FLESH ALSO WILL LIVE IN HOPE; 27 BECAUSE YOU WILL NOT ABANDON MY SOUL TO HADES,NOR ALLOW YOUR HOLY ONE TO UNDERGO DECAY. 28 'YOU HAVE MADE KNOWN TO ME THE WAYS OF LIFE;YOU WILL MAKE ME FULL OF GLADNESS WITH YOUR PRESENCE.'
29 "Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 "And so, because he was a prophet and knew that GOD HAD SWORN TO HIM WITH AN OATH TO SEAT one OF HIS DESCENDANTS ON HIS THRONE,

31 he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that HE WAS NEITHER ABANDONED TO HADES, NOR DID His flesh SUFFER DECAY. 32 "This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses.

/The Holy Spirit revealed these things to Peter, and inspired him to say these words.\

Jesus said something else which the disciples did not understand until after Jesus was glorified.

John 12:12-16

12 On the next day the large crowd who had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, 13 took the branches of the palm trees and went out to meet Him, and began to shout, "Hosanna! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD [Psalm 118:26], even the King of Israel." 14 Jesus, finding a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written, 15 "FEAR NOT, DAUGHTER OF ZION; BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING, SEATED ON A DONKEY'S COLT [Zechariah:9:9] ."

16 These things His disciples did not understand at the first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written of Him, and that they had done these things to Him.

/These things were written about Jesus in the Old Testament, but the disciples did not have eyes to see this until the Spirit indwelt them.\

OK back to our main passage:

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/Jesus said this to His closest disciples including Matthew, John, and Peter. I single out these three because they would go on to write portions of the New Testament.\

And they would do so because the Holy Spirit would teach them all things and bring to their remembrance all that Jesus said to them.

And now we have their writings as well as those of Mark, Luke, Paul, James, and Jude.

/Now the Holy Spirit illuminates our minds and hearts and spirits to understand what these men wrote in the Bible.\

Let's close with a passage in 1 Corinthians that describes the work of the Spirit with the writers of the Scriptures and with us.

1 Cor 2:10-16

For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. 11 For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God, 13 which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.

14 But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. 15 But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one. 16 For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But we have the mind of Christ.

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/Paul begins with the Spirit's work in revealing these truths to the writers of scripture. We have that in verses 10-12. \

/Next, the Spirit inspired these writers to write the words in Greek. verse 13.\

The Spirit taught the writers the words that they would speak and write.

/Finally, the Spirit enables the believer to understand what has been written. That is in verses 14-16.\

From God's mind to our hearts.

/1. From God's mind to the mind of the Scripture writer: **Revelation.**\

Eph 3:3-5

3 that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief. 4 By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, 5 which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit;

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/2. From spiritual thoughts to spiritual words: **Inspiration.**\

2 Tim 3:16

16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

2 Peter 1:19-21

19 So we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. 20 But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, 21 for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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/3. From the written word to our understanding: **Illumination.**\

2 Cor 3:2-3

You are our letter, written in our hearts, known and read by all men; 3 being manifested that you are a letter of Christ, cared for by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

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Eph 1:18-19

18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe.

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/And in this way, The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father sent in Jesus' name to indwell us, teaches us all things too.\