

**Title:** A Walk with the Risen Christ

**Passage:** Luke 24:13-35

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Key Truths:

- During times of discouragement or despair, Jesus will appear and touch our lives when we least expect or in ways that wouldn't have otherwise happened outside of this current season.
- Before providing solutions or quick answers to those who are hurting, first listen and show compassion as they work through their pain and discouragement. Healing takes time.
- Prayer to consider saying before each time read the Bible: "reveal Yourself to me, Lord Jesus."
- Pray for the lost as well as for the next generation with fervency. "Pour out your heart like water before the presence of the Lord! Lift your hands to him for the lives of your children"

Possible Discussion Questions:

- What point(s) in the sermon did the Lord most impress upon you?
  - How are your expectations of the Christian life sometimes changed by life's trials? What have you learned through those?
  - Why are we so often "slow of heart to believe?"
  - What could you do this week to make yourself more sensitive to the Lord's leading in your life?
  - What next steps will you take in response to the sermon?
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## **EXPOSITION**

### **Introduction**

Someone attended church service on Easter. Met with pastor the following week and was asked how it went. He replied that he said it was wonderful but it didn't last. When asked further, he explained the joy of Easter didn't last.

- Truth: Easter is not merely an event but about Jesus.

- The true joy of Jesus can be experienced everyday through a relationship with Him.

**Luke 24:13-14a**

***That very day two of them***

- two of the disciples of Jesus who had been following Him for some time.
  - They had put their trust in Jesus as the Messiah.
    - But their agenda for the Messiah was for the rescue of Israel from the Roman Empire.
      - Not realize the true purpose of the Messiah was spiritual and eternal.

**Luke 24:13-14b**

***were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem,***

- They were leaving Jerusalem.
  - They had given up all hope and were heading elsewhere.
    - Clearly their hearts were heavy and filled with confusion.

**Luke 24:14c**

***they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened.***

What had happened?

Luke 24:9-12

and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

- Earlier that day, the women discovered the empty tomb and heard angels proclaim Jesus had risen.
  - but the disciples did not believe.

**Luke 24:15**

***While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them.***

- Jesus, in His risen and glorified body, appeared and came near to the disciples.
- Jesus appeared into the disciples lives unexpectedly.
  - Likewise, Jesus may appear and touch our lives when we least expect it in the midst of our discouragement, fear, or hopelessness.
  - Jesus will reveal Himself in ways that wouldn't have happened otherwise in a richer, deeper way out of compassion.
    - Ex: Martha with Jesus after Lazarus' death

John 11:21-27

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

**Luke 24:16**

***But their eyes were kept from recognizing him.***

- The disciples did not initially recognize Jesus.
  - Compare:
    - Mary initially thought he was the gardener.
    - Disciples initially thought Jesus was a ghost.
    - After a whole night of fishing coming up empty, disciples initially thought He was a stranger.
- God, in His grace, reveals Himself and draws people to Himself.

Luke 10:22

All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."

John 6:44

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.

- God sovereignly chooses those whom He calls to a relationship with Him.

- But we must pray for the eternal destinies of those around us. God hears our prayers and will respond to them in His time, which sometimes has occurred after one's death (ex: mother praying for her children, who later come to faith in Jesus after the mother's passing into heaven)

Lamentations 2:19

"Arise, cry out in the night, at the beginning of the night watches! Pour out your heart like water before the presence of the Lord! Lift your hands to him for the lives of your children, who faint for hunger at the head of every street."

**Luke 24:17**

***And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad.***

- Jesus came alongside, asking to invite dialogue (not for information as He already knew and heard what they were talking)
- "Looking sad" = complete despair

**Luke 24:18**

***Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"***

- A sense of bewilderment and sarcasm in response.

**Luke 24:19a**

***And he said to them, "What things?"***

- Jesus asked in follow-up to hear from them their thoughts and perceptions.

**Luke 24:19b-20**

***And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him.***

- The disciples had placed their faith in Jesus as He taught and did many miracles among them.
- "How our chief priests and rulers delivered him up"
  - where ultimate responsibility for the crucifixion was placed (not the Romans)

### **Luke 24:21**

***But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened.***

- "he was the one to redeem Israel"
  - Pointed to Old Testament prophecy of the Messiah.
  - Redeem = infers that one is to pay a price

### **Luke 24:22-24**

***Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see."***

- The disciples poured out their hearts as they were talking through their pain of what they had been experiencing.
- Consider Jesus' example of listening first of another's discouragement and pain.

James 1:19a

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak

- before providing solutions or quick answers, first listen and show compassion to those working through their pain and discouragement.

### **Luke 24:25-26**

***And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"***

- "Slow of heart to believe"
  - Not about lack of knowledge but lack of belief.
- We must be aware of what people think and proclaim the truth of Jesus where wrong.

Galatians 1:8-9

But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.

- Any other gospel is a doctrine of Satan. We must point to Jesus.

**Luke 24:27**

**And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.**

- Jesus showed how all of the Scriptures pointed to the true Messiah.
  - Jesus is the theme of the entire Bible

John 5:39

You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me,

- Prayer before reading the Bible:
  - “reveal Yourself to me, Lord Jesus”
    - A relationship with Jesus involves continual reliance and turning to Him in all things.
- Song: “Give Me Jesus”

**Luke 24:28-29**

**So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them.**

- Jesus’ heart and desire is to come and stay.

John 14:23

Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

**Luke 24:30-31**

**When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight.**

- Jesus revealed Himself
  - Echoes what He last did with them during the Passover meal.

Matthew 26:26

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.”

**Luke 24:32-35**

***They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.***

- The truth of Jesus' resurrection was affecting not only their heads but finally also their hearts.