

## Luke 24:13-35 – The Road To Emmaus

### Introduction

1. The Word of God is good for teaching, preaching, reproof, rebuke, correction, etc – it is the special revelation of God to His people
  - a. Points to Salvation, Deliverance, Redemption
  - b. The Word brings conviction of Sin and leads us to Christ
  - c. The Word guides us on the narrow path of holiness
2. Christ is not divorced from the Word of God
  - a. Jesus is the focus from Genesis to Revelation
  - b. Christ rescues us from the Consuming Fire of God's Wrath
    - i. Man's ultimate problem of guilt is answered by Jesus
    - ii. Christ heals us by taking our iniquity so we may stand in the presence of God
3. The disciples, after the death & burial of Christ, & even after the report from the women concerning Jesus' resurrection, did not believe

**Main Idea: The Lord opens the eyes to behold Christ as Savior, and changes the heart of sadness and slowness to believe, to burn with faith. Faith is connected to the Scriptures which fully center on Christ the Lord.**

### Christ Appears To Sovereignly Blind Eyes (Luke 24:13-16)

1. This is still Resurrection Sunday, Passover is concluded, people are making their way back home from Jerusalem
2. Two men are walking together to Emmaus, seven miles away, and are in an intense discussion about all that had happened in Jerusalem
  - a. These men are animated with emotion, trying to make sense of the trial of Jesus, the crucifixion, Jesus' death
3. A Stranger draws near to walk with them; the two men do not recognize that it is Jesus
  - a. These men heard Jesus and saw Him but did not recognize Him
    - i. Psychologically – they were not expecting Jesus to be there, for in their minds, Jesus was dead
    - ii. Divinely/Sovereignly – they were kept from recognizing Jesus; (cf. Luke 9:45, 18:34)
    - iii. The disciples' minds & hearts were kept from understanding Jesus, these men were kept from recognizing Him
4. The Lord is a Master at seeking His people, knowing exactly the means by which His sheep will be brought into the Kingdom
5. These two men needed a Divine encounter with the Lord Jesus who would tie their faith to the Scriptures & the covenantal promises of God

### Christ Questions Saddened Unfaithful Hearts (Luke 24:17-24)

1. These men are downcast, sullen, gloomy – they are dejected because their point of view on the Messiah did not match Divine Truth
  - a. Their gaze was on the death and tomb of Christ
  - b. They and the disciples did not believe in the resurrection of Jesus; they all saw the women's report as a fairy tale (Luke 24:10-11)

2. Jesus is aware of their dejection and their view of the Messiah as a Warlord who in their minds would vanquish the Roman oppressor
3. Jesus asks what they are conversing about and Cleopas finds the question incredulous, & responds with sarcasm: *Where have you been?*
  - a. Cleopas rehearses for Jesus what happened to Jesus of Nazareth, giving him a summary of the events (cf. Acts 2:22-23)
    - i. Cleopas' description is reminiscent of the description of Jesus at the beginning of Luke (Luke 2:52)
    - ii. Cleopas describes Jesus as a great prophet (cf. Luke 7:14-16, 4:23-24, Acts 3:22-23, 7:37-38); Jesus is God's prophet, but more than this; they saw His power, heard, and hoped in Him
    - iii. Humanity is skeptical & critical – their own speculations led to false conclusions, and the consequence was unfaithful sadness

### Christ Scolds/Schools The Slow Unbelieving Heart (Luke 24:25-27)

1. Jesus does not respond like we would think – *Yes, the Lord kept you in the dark about who I am and what I would do* – instead He rebukes
  - a. Jesus expects these men to get it & they don't: He calls them fools
  - b. Jesus calls them slow to believe; these men were responsible to believe
2. Jesus then ministers to their unbelief and leads them to faith in Himself through the exegesis of Scripture: *The Author is the Expositor*
3. It was incumbent upon these men to read and understand the Word
  - a. Jesus points to the sufficiency of Scripture – the Bible is enough for Salvation, knowing God, understanding our sinful state, holy living
  - b. Jesus tells them – it was a MUST that the Messiah would suffer
    - i. He walks with these men through the Bible to point it out – Adam, Noah, Joseph, Moses, David, Jonah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, etc
    - ii. He showed them the patterns of Scripture that showed a rejected one rising to prominence and exaltation (Joseph, Moses, David)
    - iii. He showed them the covenants – Adamic, Noahic, Abrahamic, Mosaic, Davidic, The New Covenant in His blood
    - iv. He showed them the histories and how they pointed to Him
4. Jesus uses God's Divine means to lead these men to faith – hearing and exegeting the Word of God (Romans 10:17)

### Christ Opens Eyes & Creates Hearts That Burn With Belief (Luke 24:28-32)

1. Jesus goes on with these men and reenacts Communion – the Lord's Supper in the Upper Room – in this instance their eyes are opened
2. These men confess their hearts burned with belief as Jesus interpreted the Scriptures for them
3. We move from saddened, hopeless, slow to believe hearts by the regenerating power of the Spirit in connection with the Word of God

### Christ's Mission For The Zealous Believing Heart (Luke 24:33-35)

1. These men went on Mission back to tell the disciples that Jesus is risen
2. The spiritual appetite is increased as we feed on God's Word

**Application:** 1. Walk with one who will challenge you, 2. Question your sight & understanding of God's Word – reevaluate your personal point of view, 3. Read!!