

**HE IS NOT HERE; HE HAS RISEN!**

**God's unlikely plan of redemption was promised in the Old Testament**

**Luke 24:13-35**

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▪ **What is the mission and ministry of Jesus (24:13-17)?**

**(1) He binds up the broken hearted (Isa. 61:1; Lk. 4:17-21; 7:20-23).**

**Isaiah 61:1** The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound.

**(2) He sympathizes with our weakness (Heb. 2:18; 4:15-16).**

**Hebrews 4:15-16** For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**(3) He saves hopeless sinners (Eph. 2:12-13).**

▪ **Why were the disciples living in unbelief?**

**(1) Because they misunderstood the mission of the Messiah (vv. 18-21).**

**(2) Because they did not believe the woman's testimony (vv. 22-24).**

**(3) Because they did not believe what the prophets had spoken (v. 25).**

\* Have you considered that your state of depression or sadness may not be because you are experiencing unfortunate circumstances but because you are not believing God's promises?

\* Is there a lack of reading, understanding, and applying of God's word in your life?

**(4) Because they could not believe a suffering Messiah could redeem them (v. 26).**

▪ **How did Jesus address their unbelief?**

**(1) He opens the Scriptures to show that he has fulfilled the OT prophecies (vv. 27, 44).**

- There are 300 specific prophecies that are fulfilled in the coming of Christ.
- There are 29 prophecies fulfilled with precision in one day by Jesus.
- Jesus not only explained the explicit prophecies about the Messiah but also the historical patterns of God's activity that is repeated throughout the OT.

**Romans 15:4** For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

**(2) He interprets the Scriptures to show that they bear witness about him (v. 27).**

**John 5:39–40** You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, 40 yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.

\* How does Jesus still teach us the Scriptures?

**John 14:26** But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

\* Do you depend solely on your intelligence and biblical knowledge to understand and apply the Scriptures?

**(3) He opens the mind to understand the Scriptures (vv. 28-35).**

**Luke 24:45** Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,

\* The Bible is divine revelation, not human discovery. Spiritual truth is a gift from God to blinded, sinful humanity.

\* Only a spiritual person can understand spiritual truths (1 Corinthians 2:13–14; Eph. 1:16-18).

**1 Corinthians 2:13–14** And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. 14 The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

▪ **What was the result of Christ teaching the Scriptures?**

**(1) Their hearts burned within them (v. 32).**

\* Has your heart grown cold and indifferent to God and his gospel?

**(2) They returned to share the good news (vv. 33-34).**

\* Is there someone in your life that you need to return to share the gospel?

\* Are you making disciples? And if so, how are you doing it? Is Jesus' life your pattern and inspiration?

\* When ministering to the hurting and hopeless, who's word do you give them, yours or God's?