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What You Need To Know

7 Mile Walk | Part 3 | Luke 24:33-53

INTRODUCTION

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We have been looking at the Seven Mile Walk to Emmaus, one of Jesus Christ's post-resurrection appearances. This Scripture passage provides great principles from the Word of God that teach us what we need to know for our spiritual lives. Luke 24:33–53 shows how the risen Christ revealed Himself to His followers, opened their understanding of Scripture, and commissioned them to share His message. This passage teaches us several powerful principles that shape how we live as believers today.

KEY POINTS

1. God Loves To Show Himself to His Followers When They Are Together

When our conversations are focused on Christ, there He is. Jesus says in the Bible, “Whenever two or three are gathered together in my Name, I am there also” (Matthew 18:20). The disciples were behind locked doors, afraid and uncertain, when Jesus suddenly appeared among them. This reminds us that there is power when the presence of God shows up as His children are focused on Him.

We need to make going to church a priority for our family and for ourselves because God often moves when His children are together. The Spirit of God flows in powerful ways during worship when hearts are expectant. As Hebrews 10:24-25 reminds us, we are not to give up meeting together, but to encourage one another as we see the Day approaching.

2. Our Heavenly Bodies Are Going To Be Awesome

Regardless of what shape our earthly bodies are in right now, the Bible teaches that Jesus is the first fruits of the resurrection. What did Jesus look like and what could He do? His post-resurrection appearances give us clues about our heavenly bodies. He could appear and disappear, enter locked rooms, and even eat food.

Our heavenly bodies will be perfect, recognizable, powerful, and eternal. Those who have gone before us and know Christ would never want to trade their heavenly bodies for their old ones. The best is yet to come!

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3. God Always Confirms His Plans and His Will By His Word

Jesus went back to the Scriptures to show His followers how everything written about Him in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms had been fulfilled. God's Word is how He speaks to us. If you want to know what God has for your life, get into the Word of God. He will never tell you something that contradicts His Word.

Small groups, Bible study, and personal devotion time matter because that's how God reveals His will. He wants to speak to you through His Word, but you must open it and let Him. The Word of God is central to our faith and to every decision we make.

4. We Are His Witnesses

Jesus told His followers, “You are witnesses of these things.” We have the privilege and responsibility to share the Gospel with others. Whether you are at work, in a neighborhood, or on a fishing boat, you are representing Christ. People who do not know Him are watching your life. You may be the only Bible they ever read.

Our lives should point others to Jesus in everything we say and do. God's plan is to use you as His witness to tell the story of how Jesus has changed your life.

5. We Have Received Both His Commission and His Blessing

When Jesus lifted His hands and blessed His followers, He commissioned them to share the Gospel. Our purpose has never changed. The Great Commission is still true today. God has given us the authority and blessing to bear witness to Jesus Christ wherever we go.

Every believer has been called to proclaim the Gospel and live on mission. When you invite others to church, share your testimony, or point someone to Jesus, you are walking in the blessing and purpose He gave His disciples.

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6. Until We See Him Again, We Are To Worship, Obey, and Stay in His Presence

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Until Jesus calls us home or comes again, we are to:

- Worship Him. The disciples worshiped Jesus and honored Him. We must make Him our highest priority and stop treating worship as optional.
- Obey Him. Obedience positions us for blessing. If you are not hearing from God, go back to the last thing He told you to do.
- Live in the Joy of His Presence. There is nothing more fulfilling than acknowledging and experiencing Christ's presence in your life.
- Stay in His Presence Together. Nothing is more powerful than doing what Jesus tells us to do, together as His people.

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What keeps us from regularly gathering with other believers, and how can we prioritize being in God's presence together?
2. How does knowing we will one day have glorified bodies change the way we view our struggles and limitations now?
3. What steps can you take this week to live as a faithful witness of Jesus at home, at work, or in your community?
