



## SERMON REFLECTION GUIDE

Luke, Part 69: Open Eyes & Burning Hearts - Luke 24:13-46 - April 12, 2026

### SERMON OUTLINE

Intro - If you could have been personally present for any biblical event, which one would you pick? I'd pick the road to Emmaus - to hear how Jesus taught the gospel in the Old Testament.

From our text we see that the gospel message is (1) **historical**, (2) **biblical**, and (3) **spiritual**. Recap: the empty tombs, the disciples, and the first appearance of Jesus - see the sense that Jesus is covering material conquering his life, death, and resurrection - that they should have already known from the Old Testament Scripture.

#### 1. The Gospel Message is **Historical**

"The things that *have happened*" (3x in v. 14, 18, 21)

Peter constantly refers to his position as an "eyewitness" as proof of his claims about Jesus Christ - see: Acts 2:32, 4:20; 2 Peter 1:16

The *historicity* of Jesus Christ and his crucifixion is not up for debate - the question is whether that historical fact was always God's plan to reconcile the world to himself. SO:

#### 2. The Gospel Message is **Biblical**

Jesus opens the Old Testament (the only Scriptures they had at that time) and he reveals "things *concerning himself*" (v. 27) and "everything written *about me*" (v. 44).

We need to see that Jesus's death and resurrection were not simply things that happened, but things that *were always going to happen* in God's plan and timing.

*\*At this point in the sermon - we will go through a long list of potential places that Jesus might have revealed as indicators of his person and work.\**

Prophesies, Christophanies, Typologies, Fulfillments - different ways the OT forecasts Jesus.

Genesis to Revelation, THE UNIFYING THEME OF ALL OF SCRIPTURE is God's plan of rescuing sinners through the person and work of Jesus Christ.

This should highlight the importance of *reading your Bible* and hearing *expositional preaching*.

#### 3. The Gospel Message is **Spiritual**

Even though the gospel is true and attested to in Scripture, it *cannot be fully understood without spiritual awareness* that comes directly from God himself.

The hearers were passive recipients of God's revelation through Jesus

- their *eyes* were opened (v. 31)
- their *hearts* burned within them (v. 32)
- their *minds* were opened (v. 44)

We need God's help to rightly understand God's Word.

Prayer: Open my eyes that I might behold wonderful things from your law. Psalm 119:18



## **SERMON REFLECTION QUESTIONS**

1. Just for curiosity, what biblical story would you like to have been personally present to witness? Why?
2. Why does Jesus choose to reveal his resurrection through Bible interpretation? Why doesn't he just introduce himself?
3. Why is it important to understand that the message surrounding Jesus is historical, i.e., that it really happened?
4. Why do we need to know that the entire Bible has an overarching narrative that is centered on the person and work of Jesus?
5. What does it mean that the gospel is spiritual? Why can't it be fully understood and believed without God's help?
6. In what ways are you prayerfully approaching God's Word on a week to week basis?