



SUNDAY MORNING

AT BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Title: Burning Hearts and Opened Eyes

Passage: Luke 24:28-35

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Introduction: Have you ever had one of those moments where you didn't realize how meaningful it was—until much later? Maybe it was a quick conversation, a quiet moment, or something that seemed small at the time... but looking back, you can see God was in it. That's the kind of moment we're stepping into today. Two followers of Jesus are walking along, hearts heavy with disappointment. They thought Jesus was the One—their hope, their future—but then the cross changed everything. Or so they thought. Then, a stranger joins them on the road. He listens. He speaks. And something starts to stir in their hearts. They don't know it yet... but Jesus is right there.

I. The Stranger Who Speaks (Verses 27-29)

When Jesus first came into the world, people would not even make room for Him at the inn, but now that He was getting ready to leave the world altogether, people were welcoming Him into their homes and their hearts.

"If they had not invited Him He would have passed on, and they would have forfeited the inexpressible privilege of discovering that it was their risen Lord who had been with them and had instructed them." - Norval Geldenhuys

If Jesus happened to overtake you on the road, would you invite Him to stay?



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Unlike the Emmaus disciples, we do know who Jesus is. Therefore, we should feel even more urgency about the time that we spend with Jesus, wanting to hear more of what He says about His cross and the empty tomb and yearning to know Him better than we know Him now.

*"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."
(Revelation 3:20)*

II. The Savior Who Stays (Verses 30-31)

As the Emmaus disciples heard Jesus teach, they recognized His superior wisdom and perfect godliness.

Jesus Christ should be the Lord of every believer's dinner table, every believer's bedroom and living room, every believer's classroom and place of business.

At every place in life, ask Jesus to take the lead and to give you His blessing.

III. The Saints Who Share (Verses 32-35)

"The body of Jesus, in some wonderful way different from the common body of man. It was a real material body, and true flesh and blood. But it was a body capable of moving, appearing, and disappearing after a manner that we cannot explain." - J.C. Ryle

Even if we cannot fully explain the resurrection, we can still believe it and tell other people about it.

The disciples who had just walked back from Emmaus added more fuel to the fire of their faith, for they had seen Jesus too.

The fire of that first Resurrection Sunday is rekindled anytime that anyone sees Jesus in the Scriptures. It leaps into flame whenever people see Jesus for the first time and trust Him for salvation.



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"I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death." - John Wesley

Conclusion: Don't let this moment pass you by. Jesus is still walking with us—still drawing near through His Word and His presence at the table. The same Jesus who met those weary travelers on the road to Emmaus wants to meet with you. Ask Him to stay. Invite Him in. Open your Bible, come to the table, and let your heart burn with the fire of His love again. Don't rush past Him. Don't miss Him. Let today be the day you say, "Jesus, stay with me."



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